



# City of Harrisonburg, Virginia

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TO: Kurt Hodgen, City Manager  
FROM: Stephen Monticelli, Chief of Police  
DATE: December 30, 2015  
RE: 2016 DMV Grant Award

**Summary:** On September 29, 2015 the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles awarded the Harrisonburg Police Department the annual grant funding for speed and alcohol enforcement.

**Background:** The annual grant runs from October 1 through September 30 each year, and provides reimbursement of overtime, training and equipment expenses as related to alcohol and speed traffic enforcement campaigns. The HPD's Traffic Unit works closely with the DMV to plan and execute traffic checkpoints and saturation patrols in collaboration with campaigns from the National Highway Traffic Safety

**Key Issues:**

HPD plans to work 760 plus overtime hours to conduct a minimum of 4 checkpoints, 78 saturation patrols, attend one conference, and increase the number of radar units in active use from 28 to 30.

**Environmental Impact:** none

**Fiscal Impact:** Grant funding totaling \$33,044 will cover the costs of overtime, equipment and training. The City of Harrisonburg will fund the FICA costs from the Overtime, and the vehicle maintenance and fuel involved with the checkpoints and patrols, estimated at \$16,522.

**Prior Actions:**

**Alternatives:**

- (a) accept the grant as proposed to fund the traffic programs
- (b) decline the grant and fund the traffic programs through the general fund; or
- (c) decline the grant funding and do not conduct the traffic programs

**Community Engagement:**

Social Media awareness campaigns will run in conjunction with the saturation patrols, checkpoints, and NHTSA campaigns such as Click-It-Or-Ticket, Buckle-Up to Save Lives, Where's Baby, and holiday safety messages.

**Recommendation:** The Police Department and Traffic Safety Unit have reviewed and support acceptance of the grant funding.

**Attachments:** Grant awards (2) and Supplemental Appropriation

**Review:**

*The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.*

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