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**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approval of request to submit a grant application to the Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) for funding of overtime and training related to various aspects of traffic enforcement. This grant does not require matching funds.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval to submit a grant application to the Iowa GTSB for funding of overtime and training related to various aspects of traffic enforcement. The Police Department has historically utilized funding from the Iowa GTSB grant for overtime enforcement of traffic regulations with a focus on impaired driving, seatbelt enforcement, school zone safety, speed regulations. The officers give several presentations throughout the year at several location to help raise public awareness for the dangers presented by not following traffic regulations. Officers receive training to enable them to identify an impaired drivers and new approaches to traffic enforcement.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$205,357

Funding Source: GTS00014 - Recommended Budget Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015, page 225, Police Department Special Revenue

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Police Department has received funding from the GTSB grant since 2005. The funds have supplied equipment, overtime reimbursement, and training. The grant funding has decreased steadily; however, the Police Department continues to make every effort to increase the number of arrests of impaired drivers, enforce traffic laws and regulations, and encourage voluntary compliance from all motorists.

Safety for pedestrians remains a concern for the Police Department. School zones and bus stops are regularly monitored for motorist violations to ensure the safety of pedestrians. The addition of bicycle trails intersecting with traffic thoroughfares has increased the need for public awareness to observe state laws as they pertain to cross walks.

Officers give presentations to various audiences on the dangers of traffic violations with an emphasis on impaired driving. These presentations are given to neighborhood groups, driver's education classes,

and various college events. Officers receive updated training twice a year to assist them in identifying drivers under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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