

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
Date: October 14, 2010**

SUBJECT: Governor's Office of Highway Safety 2011 Grant Award: Contract #2011-PT-048
"Selective Traffic Enforcement (Speed) and Equipment"

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Police Department

PREPARED BY: Candace Manibusan, Administrative Supervisor, on behalf of Chief Jim Maxson

AGENDA LOCATION: Comments/Communications , Consent , Work/Study ,
New Business , Public Hearing , Second Reading

ATTACHMENTS: a) GOHS Contract #2011-PT-048, b) Resolution No. 1721

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND: Each year, the Prescott Valley Police Department (PVPD) continues to participate in the statewide highway safety campaign led by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). Past grant funds have been utilized to enhance our efforts in highway safety, underage drinking prevention, DUI and select traffic enforcement, and public awareness and education.

These funds have enabled us to routinely staff officers on holidays and weekends for DUI saturation patrols, speed details, underage party patrols, CUB details and other select traffic enforcement activities. The department has also used funds from GOHS to support our "It's our town, please slow down" campaign which placed various signs around our community to remind people to obey posted speed limits. These signs are still located throughout our community and will remain for many years.

Other efforts to address traffic issues include the use of a speed trailer. The department has deployed this device for over a decade and it has proven to be an effective tool in our community to gain voluntary compliance of posted speed limits by drivers. The department frequently receives requests for placement of the trailer in various locations and neighborhoods where speeding has become a problem; however, the department is no longer able to respond to these requests because the trailer is no longer operational and is unable to be repaired.

Through enforcement efforts and public contact, the goal of PVPD is to educate the public and change driving behaviors in an effort to decrease traffic related issues, DUI violations and vehicle related collisions and fatalities. In the spring of 2010, PVPD applied for additional grant funds to continue these efforts.

On September 8, the department received notice from GOHS that 2011 Highway Safety Plan funds have been awarded in the amount of \$21,690 for selective traffic enforcement (speed) and equipment. PVPD will utilize these grant funds for proactive off-duty enforcement activities such as speed details; in addition to the purchase of a new speed trailer.

The department's Traffic Unit will facilitate the use of the speed trailer by responding to citizen requests, in addition to identifying and scheduling use of the trailer in various problem areas around the town. Locations will include areas with high accident rates and school safety zones. Volunteer staff will also be utilized to transport the speed trailer to the various locations.

As part of the award acceptance, PVPD is required to provide a certified resolution authorizing entry into the contract with GOHS.

OPTIONS ANALYSIS: The Town Council may either accept the grant award from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety through Resolution No. 1721 and approve the DUI Enforcement and Equipment Grant Contract # 2011-PT-048, or decline the grant award.

ACTION OPTION: Motion to authorize the Mayor (or, in his absence, the Vice Mayor) to sign Resolution No. 1721 accepting the 2011 Governor's Office of Highway Safety DUI Enforcement and Equipment Grant Contract # 2011-PT-048, **OR** Motion not to accept the grant award. **VOTE.**

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approving the DUI Enforcement and Equipment Grant Contract # 2011-PT-048 accepting the grant award.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: There is no fiscal impact to the Town. This grant is fully reimbursable through the Governor's Office of Highway Safety in the amount of \$21,690.

REVIEWED BY:

Management Services Director _____ Town Clerk _____

Town Attorney _____

Town Manager _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Assigned to _____