



City Council Report

Date: October 19, 2014
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Assistant City Manger
From: John Meza, Police Chief
Anthony Lythgoe, Commander
Subject: Highway Safety Contract with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety
Contract Number 2016-PT-020 for Selective Traffic Enforcement
Citywide

Strategic Initiatives



Purpose and Recommendation

The City of Mesa Police Department is respectfully requesting the Mesa City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to enter into a Highway Safety Contract with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety to accept \$50,000 for overtime and employee related expenses for the Police Department's Traffic Section for Selective Traffic Enforcement throughout the City of Mesa.

Background

The Mesa Police Department is committed to traffic safety, crime prevention and the protection of all citizens who live and drive in our community. The goal of the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program is to reduce the incidence of traffic fatalities and injuries resulting from speeding, aggressive driving, red light running and other forms of risky driving behavior through enforcement, education and public awareness.

Discussion

This contract will enable the Department to utilize highly experienced traffic officers to enforce the laws as they pertain to traffic safety in areas statistically supported as being high in collisions and crime. Through this program the Police Department seeks to:

- Increase enforcement time.
- Engage Department members through briefing discussions.
- Educate individuals engaging in high-risk behaviors.
- Provide Department wide training.

Alternatives

If this contract is declined, the Mesa Police Department will be limited in providing citizens with effective Selective Traffic Enforcement throughout the City of Mesa.

Fiscal Impact

The award amount is \$50,000 for salaries and employee related expenses. The cost of unreimbursed expense for fringe benefits is approximately \$1,300. Funding for this expense will be absorbed by the Police Department operating budget.

Mesa Police Department personnel will be responsible for submitting invoices on a quarterly basis to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. The Governor's Office of Highway Safety will remit monies due upon receipt of the invoices.

Coordinated With

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of the Highway Safety Contract with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for Selective Traffic Enforcement.