



TOWN COUNCIL – AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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Please submit Agenda Request Form, **including back up information**, 8 days prior to the requested meeting date. **Public Hearing requests must be submitted 20 days prior to requested meeting date to meet publication deadlines** (exceptions may be authorized by the Town Manager, Chairman/Vice Chair).

MEETING INFORMATION

Date Submitted: 10-20-17
Submitted by: Lt. Eric C. Marquis
Department: Police
Speakers: Lt. Eric C. Marquis

Date of Meeting: 11/02/17
Time Required: 10 minutes
Background Info. Supplied: Yes: No:

CATEGORY OF BUSINESS (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

Appointment:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recognition/Resignation/Retirement:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Hearing:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Old Business:	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Business:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent Agenda:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nonpublic:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

TITLE OF ITEM

Approval to accept a grant from the NH Office of Highway Safety for "Distracted Driving Patrols"

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

Accept a grant from the NH Office of Highway Safety for "Merrimack Distracted Driving Patrols" in the amount of \$6,292.03 for distracted driving patrols

REFERENCE (IF KNOWN)

RSA:	Warrant Article:	
Charter Article:	Town Meeting:	
Other:	N/A	

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

Projector:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grant Requirements:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Special Seating:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laptop:	<input type="checkbox"/>	None:	<input type="checkbox"/>

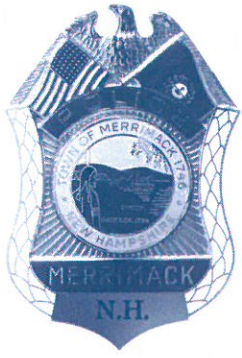
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APPROVAL

Town Manager: Yes No Chair/Vice Chair: Yes No

Hold for Meeting Date: _____



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MEMO

DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2017
TO: MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
CC: TOWN MANAGER CABANEL
FROM: LT. ERIC C. MARQUIS
RE: AGENDA REQUESTS/ ACCEPTANCE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANTS

The three agenda requests before the Town Council are seeking acceptance of the NH Office of Highway Safety Grants for “Merrimack DWI Patrols”, “Merrimack STEP Patrols”, and “Merrimack Distracted Driving Patrols”.

The Merrimack DWI Patrols grant is for the amount of \$12,150.00 and would fund 33 six hour patrols between the hours of 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. These patrols would focus on detecting DWIs and would predominately be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. We may schedule patrols around special events such as the Super Bowl and St. Patrick’s Day, which are known events that are focused around alcohol. This past year we conducted 18 patrols which resulted in 8 arrests (2 for illegal possession/transportation of drugs, 2 for DWI and 4 for protective custody). Officers stopped 146 vehicles during the patrols and issued 124 warnings for various offenses as well as 10 summonses.

The Merrimack Sustained Traffic Enforcement Patrols (STEP) grant is for the amount of \$16,334.32. This would fund 52 four hour patrols between the hours of 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. We would also participate in 12 other patrols for four hours during the National Highway Safety “Operation Safe Commute” campaign and 2 patrols during the “Join the NH Clique” campaign. The STEP patrols would be utilized to focus on known trouble areas during the commuting hours, with the ultimate goal of reducing accidents and making our roadways safer for our residents and commuting public. These patrols could be used to focus on traffic controls devices that are not being followed, speeding in various areas, and/or school bus complaints, etc. This past year a total 796 vehicles were stopped during the patrol which resulted in 803 warnings and 71 summonses being issued as well as two arrests. I reviewed the number of accidents that were reported to us in 2016 and the same time period in 2017 and although the number of accidents have not yet decreased, we believe that enhanced enforcement will force those numbers to decline.

The Merrimack Distracted Driving Patrols grant is for the amount of \$6,292.03. This grant would fund 26 four hour patrols between the hours of 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. This grant would focus on patrols to deter distracted and negligent driving which may be caused from using a handheld electronic device, other distractions in the car, failing to clear snow from vehicle, etc. This past year a total 512 vehicles were stopped during the patrol which resulted in 440 warnings with 122 of those warnings being issued for “use of an electronic hand held device” and 75 summonses being issued with 27 of those summons being issued for “use of an electronic hand held device.” There were also four arrests resulting from the motor vehicle stops.

All three grants require 25% In Kind Match or Soft Match from the Police Department.