



# 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: 10/17/18  
 Submitted by: Captain Michael Dudash  
 Department: Police  
 Speakers: Captain Michael J. Dudash

Date of Meeting: 11/1/18  
 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"/>
<b>Public Hearing:</b>	<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

The Office of Highway Safety grants the Merrimack Police Department in the amount \$12,523 for Sustained Traffic Enforcement (STEP) Patrols.

## DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

The State of New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety has awarded the Merrimack Police Department \$12,523 to address the safety of our roads in Merrimack with the goal to reduce accidents. This grant is to help increase our visabilty and traffic enforcement through STEP (Sustained Traffic Enforcement Patrols) Patrols. This grant will also cover the expenses to participate in Operation Safe Commute and Join NH Clique Enforcement.

## REFERENCE (IF KNOWN)

RSA:	31:95-b	Warrant Article:	
Charter Article:	8-15	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:	<u>Michael J. Dudash</u>	Address	<u>Police Department</u>
Phone Number	<u>420-1816</u>	Email Address	<u>mdudash@merrimacknh.gov</u>



**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**Town of Merrimack**  
**Public Hearing**



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Residents of Merrimack are hereby advised that the Town Council will hold a public hearing to consider the acceptance and expenditure of a grant in the amount of \$12,523 made available through the New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety for the Merrimack Police Department for "Sustained Traffic Enforcement Patrols", pursuant to RSA 31:95-b and Charter Article 8-15. All interested parties are invited to attend. The public hearing will be held on **Thursday, November 1, 2018, at 7:00 PM** in the Matthew Thornton Room located at 8 Baboosic Lake Road in Merrimack.

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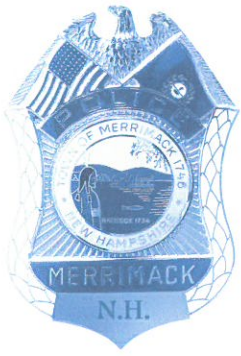
For Town of Merrimack Use:

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# MERRIMACK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## MEMO

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**DATE:** OCTOBER 18, 2018  
**TO:** THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL  
**CC:** TOWN MANAGER CABANEL  
**FROM:** CAPTAIN MICHAEL J. DUDASH  
**RE:** AGENDA REQUESTS/ ACCEPTANCE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANTS FOR 2018-2019

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

The Merrimack DWI Patrols grant is for the amount of \$7,970.00 and would fund 41 four 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 11 arrests (2 for illegal possession/transportation of drugs, 9 for DWI) Officers stopped 267 vehicles during the patrols that ranges from speeding, red light and distracted driving violations.

The Merrimack Sustained Traffic Enforcement Patrols (STEP) grant is for the amount of \$12523. This would fund 65 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 over 150 vehicles were stopped during the patrol which resulted in paper work issued from speeding to distracted driving.

The Merrimack Distracted Driving Patrols grant is for the amount of \$5665.00. This grant would fund 29 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. All three grants require 25% In Kind Match or Soft Match from the Police Department.