



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: 10-03-19

Date of Meeting: October 23, 2019

Submitted by: Captain Eric Marquis

Department: Police

Time Required: 10 minutes

Speakers: Captain Eric Marquis

Background Info. Supplied: Yes: No:

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

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| Appointment: | <input type="checkbox"/> | Recognition/Resignation/Retirement: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public Hearing: | <input type="checkbox"/> | Old Business: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| New Business: | <input checked="" 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 \$5,662.00.

REFERENCE (IF KNOWN)

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| 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)

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

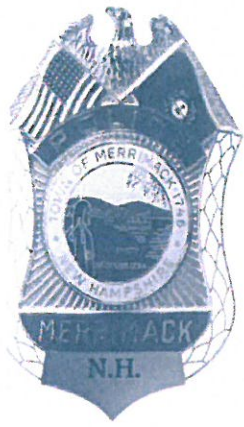
CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 3, 2019
TO: MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
CC: TOWN MANAGER EILEEN CABANEL
FROM: CAPTAIN ERIC MARQUIS
RE: AGENDA REQUESTS/ ACCEPTANCE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANTS

The four agenda requests before the Town Council for acceptance of the NH Office of Highway Safety Grants include “Driving Under the Influence Patrols”, “Sustained Traffic Enforcement Patrols”, “Distracted Driving Patrols” and “High Visibility Mobilization Patrols”.

The Merrimack DUI Patrols grant is for the amount of \$12,194.00 and would fund 45 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 29 patrols which resulted in 9 arrests Officers stopped 179 vehicles during the patrols and issued 159 warnings for various offenses as well as 18 summonses.

The Merrimack Sustained Traffic Enforcement Patrols (STEP) grant is for the amount of \$10,296. This would fund 38 four hour patrols between the hours of 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. 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 320 vehicles were stopped during the patrol which resulted in 270 warnings and 66 summonses being issued as well as five arrests.

The Merrimack Distracted Driving Patrols grant is for the amount of \$5662.00. This grant would fund 21 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 address 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 161 vehicles were stopped during the 19 patrols which resulted in 154 warnings and 27 summonses being issued. There were also two arrests resulting from the motor vehicle stops.

The "High Visibility Mobilization Patrols" grant is for the combined amount of \$4,160 and consists of "Operation Safe Commute," "Join the Clique," "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "U Drive, U Text, U Pay" mobilizations. These high visibility mobilizations are statewide coordinated events that are conducted on specific dates and at specific times to enforce specific issues. This past year we conducted 13 patrols under the "Operation Safe Commute" and "Join the Clique mobilizations." We issued 100 warnings, 22 summonses and had one arrest. "The Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and the "U Drive, U Text, U Pay" mobilizations are new to the Merrimack Police Department.

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