



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: 12-2-20

Date of Meeting: December 17, 2020

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)

Appointment:

Recognition/Resignation/
Retirement:

Public Hearing:

Old Business:

New Business:

Consent Agenda:

Nonpublic:

Other:

TITLE OF ITEM

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

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

Accept a grant from the NH Office of Highway Safety for " Driving Under the Influence Patrols" in the amount of \$3,357.00

REFERENCE (IF KNOWN)

RSA:

Warrant Article:

Charter Article:

Town Meeting:

Other:

N/A

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

Projector:

Grant Requirements:

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Joint Meeting:

Special Seating:

Other:

Laptop:

None:

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APPROVAL

Town Manager:

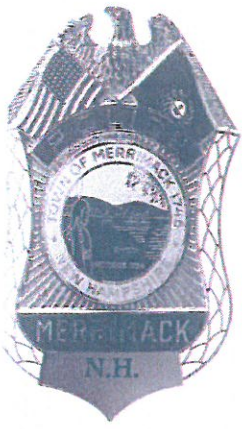
Yes

No:

Chair/Vice Chair:

Yes

No:



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DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2020
TO: MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
CC: TOWN MANAGER EILEEN CABANEL
FROM: CAPTAIN ERIC MARQUIS
RE: AGENDA REQUESTS/ ACCEPTANCE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANTS

The three agenda requests before the Town Council for acceptance of the NH Office of Highway Safety Grants include "Driving Under the Influence Patrols", "Distracted Driving Patrols" and "High Visibility Mobilization Patrols".

The Merrimack DUI Patrols grant is for the amount of \$3,357.00 and would fund 12 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 28 patrols which resulted in 7 arrests Officers stopped 262 vehicles during the patrols and issued 259 warnings for various offenses as well as 23 summonses.

The Merrimack Distracted Driving Patrols grant is for the amount of \$2,494.00. This grant would fund 9 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 272 vehicles were stopped during the 21 patrols which resulted in 257 warnings and 29 summonses being issued. There were also four arrests resulting from the motor vehicle stops.

The "High Visibility Mobilization Patrols" grant is for the combined amount of \$3,400 which would fund 12 four hour patrols consisting of "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 12 patrols on the "High Visibility Mobilizations Patrols." We issued 114 warnings, 11 summonses and had six arrests. All three grants require 25% In Kind Match or Soft Match from the Police Department.