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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: 02/19/2015
TO: HON. MARK D. BOUGHTON VIA THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: DAVID W. ST. HILAIRE, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE *DWS*
RE: RESOLUTION – DOT GRANT – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Attached for your review is a resolution that will allow the City of Danbury Police Department to apply for and accept funding from the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation through its "Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement (DDHVE)" program.

This funding will be used in the Police Departments continued efforts of distracted driving enforcement activities in April 2015 and August 2015.

The projected cost of this program will not exceed \$66,700. The 75% State portion is \$50,025, while the City is responsible for 25% of the cost, or \$16,675. These funds are available in the Police Department's operating budget.

The City Council is respectfully requested to consider this resolution at its next meeting.

DST/sk

cc: Chief A. Baker



RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

_____ A.D. 2015

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation, Division of Highway Safety has notified the City of Danbury Police Department of a funding opportunity through its "Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement" (DDHVE) program;

WHEREAS, this funding will aid the Danbury Police Department in texting/distracted driving enforcement activities;

WHEREAS, the City intends to request a total project amount not to exceed \$66,700, with a 75% State commitment of \$50,025 and a required 25% City match of \$16,675;

WHEREAS, the activity for this enforcement will be in April 2015 and August 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Mayor Mark D. Boughton, or Chief Alan D. Baker, as his designee, is hereby authorized to accept these grant funds and sign all contracts necessary to effectuate the purposes thereof.



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February 19, 2015

MEMORANDUM

To: David St. Hilaire, Director of Finance
From: Chief Alan D. Baker, Chief of Police
Subject: **State of Connecticut – Department of Transportation
2015 Distracted Driving High Visibility Program Grant**

This Department requests that the City Council act on and approve the attached State of Connecticut DOT Distracted Driving High Visibility Program Grant. This grant has been offered to the Police Department to aid in the identification and enforcement of operators texting while driving within our City limits from April 1-30, 2015. A second phase will run August 3-16, 2015.

We request that the City agrees to share its contribution responsibility (25% = \$16,675.00) of the total \$66,700.00.

Alan D. Baker
Chief of Police

ADB:mrl
Attach.

Cc: Sgt. DeRocco

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Distracted Driving Prevention

Connecticut law prohibits the use of any hand-held mobile electronic device while operating a motor vehicle.*

Drivers who are 16 or 17 years of age are prohibited from using a cell phone or mobile device at any time – even with a hands-free accessory.

Distracted driving is any non-driving activity a person engages in while operating a motor vehicle. There are three types of distractions:

- Visual - taking your eyes off the road;
- Manual - taking your hands off the wheel; and
- Cognitive - taking your attention away from driving.

*with certain emergency and emergency personnel exceptions



DDHVE Reimbursement Package

Public Outreach and Education

Link to the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicle

Link to Distraction.gov

Link to NHTSA - www.nhtsa.gov

Link to Reference Series: Transportation in Connecticut Article No. 13c

More Information Coming Soon!

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