

TO: Mayor and City Council
Robert G. Wells
THROUGH: Robert G. Wells
City Manager
FROM: Gerald Moore
Chief of Police
Gerald Moore
SUBJECT: 2007 Multi-Agency Traffic Team (MATT) Grant

ISSUE:

Should the Salem Police Department accept \$10,000 for traffic enforcement overtime from a \$50,000 grant being administered by the Marion County Sheriff's Office?

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Council approve acceptance of \$10,000 in grant money allocated to the Salem Police Department for traffic enforcement overtime.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), has compiled statistics from 1999-2003, regarding motor vehicle collisions and causes of those collisions. Based upon these statistics, ODOT has ranked Oregon counties based upon total fatalities, speed related fatalities, speed related fatalities per 100 road miles, and percentage of speed related fatalities statewide.

From 1999-2003, Marion County ranks #4 in total fatalities with 173, #4 in speed related fatalities with 92, #2 in speed related fatalities per 100 road miles with 4.28, and #2 in percentage of speed related fatalities statewide with 53%. In an effort to reduce these numbers statewide, ODOT has been awarding grant monies to the counties based upon their rankings statewide. Marion County has been awarded a total of \$50,000 for police agencies throughout the county. The money is to be used by the police agencies for traffic enforcement overtime, with a requirement being multi-agency enforcement projects.

FACTS & FINDINGS:

1. The Salem Police Department is committed to traffic safety and traffic enforcement and to projects which enhance community-wide traffic safety.

2. This grant will allow the Salem Police Department to work with other county law enforcement agencies in directed traffic enforcement projects, inside the City limits and outside the City limits, to enhance county-wide traffic safety.
3. This grant will allow the Salem Police Department to participate in directed traffic enforcement projects without interfering in normal everyday traffic enforcement within the City.
4. This would be the third year that the Salem Police Department has participated in this grant.
5. There is a \$2,000 match amount, which will be met through normal traffic patrol activities.