

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Matthew Fertal
Dept: City Manager

From: Joseph M. Polisar
Dept: Police

Subject: APPROVAL OF THE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY "AVOID THE 28" DUI PROJECT GRANT
Date: January 8, 2008

OBJECTIVE

To seek City Council approval to enter into an agreement with the Anaheim Police Department, serving as the host agency for a North Orange County Regional DUI Campaign Project titled "Avoid the 28."

BACKGROUND

Though significant progress has been made in reducing the frequency of driving under the influence (DUI) and related injuries and fatalities, alcohol remains the number one Primary Collision Factor (PCF) in fatal crashes. In 2006, Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS) provisional data shows 32,695 people were killed and injured in alcohol-involved crashes reflecting a .95 percent increase from 2005. California's rate of alcohol-related deaths per 100 million miles driven dropped from 1.65 in 1982 to .51 in 2005. DUI incidents are typically at their highest during the winter holiday period (Christmas and New Years), Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day weekends. Other high incident periods include Halloween, Super Bowl Sunday, Cinco de Mayo enforcement periods and local festival/events with identified DUI problems.

DISCUSSION

In an order to keep DUI enforcement at the forefront, the Office of Traffic Safety will be funding the "Avoid the 28 DUI Campaign." The Anaheim Police Department (APD) will serve as the host agency for the North Orange County Regional DUI effort in Orange County, to reduce alcohol-involved fatalities and injuries and raise general public awareness regarding the problems associated with drinking and driving. Participating agencies include Police Departments from the City's of Anaheim, Buena Park, Brea, Costa Mesa, Cypress, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Irvine, La Habra, La Palma, Laguna Beach, Los Alamitos, Newport Beach, Orange, Placentia, Santa Ana, Seal Beach, Stanton, Tustin, Villa Park, Westminster, Yorba Linda, Orange County Sheriff's Department, Orange County Probation Department, Cal State Fullerton Police Department and the California Highway Patrol.

The project period will be from October 1, 2007 to January 31, 2011. Activities will include DUI checkpoints, DUI saturation patrols, DUI Task Force Operations and warrant/court operations for multiple DUI offenders during the Memorial Day, Fourth of July, August-Labor Day Mobilization, Winter Holiday Mobilization, and designated Special Events with identified DUI problems.

The Garden Grove Police Department (GGPD) will be required to provide DUI enforcement personnel on an overtime basis as staffing levels permit.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

GGPD shall receive reimbursement from APD based on the actual staff hours worked on DUI enforcement for the "Avoid the 28 Campaign", as invoiced by the attached MOU (attachment 1). Costs for these positions are estimated at the highest rate for the City of Anaheim. Costs are estimated based on overtime hourly rate range of \$25.00 p/hr to \$79.95 p/hr. *It is likely the actual rates for most agencies would be lower.*

COMMUNITY VISION IMPLEMENTATION

Our department's participation in this countywide effort supports our community goal to "address safety-related issues to the greatest extent practical".

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council:

- Approve the Agreements (MOU) for the "Avoid the 28 DUI Campaign" (attachment 1).
- Authorize the Chief of Police and the City Attorney to execute the agreements.

JOSPEH M. POLISAR
Chief of Police

By: Todd Elgin, Lieutenant

Attachment: Memorandum of Understanding relating to the "Avoid the 28 Campaign"