

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE NEBRASKA OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY
GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE
SARPY COUNTY TRAFFIC UNIT**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-104(6) (Reissue 2007), the County has the power to do all acts in relation to the concerns of the County necessary to the exercise of its corporate powers; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-103 (Reissue 2007), the powers of the County as a body are exercised by the County Board; and,

WHEREAS, a Nebraska Office of Highway Safety grant for the Sarpy County Traffic Unit is available to Sarpy County; and,

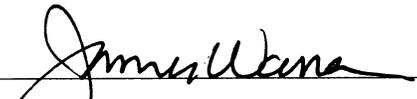
WHEREAS, the grant application must be submitted to the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety; and

WHEREAS, Sarpy County is committed to and supports the grant application for the Sarpy County Traffic Unit; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners that submission of the Sarpy County Traffic Unit grant is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, By the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners that the Board Chairperson is hereby authorized to sign the attached application for the Sarpy County Traffic Unit grant.

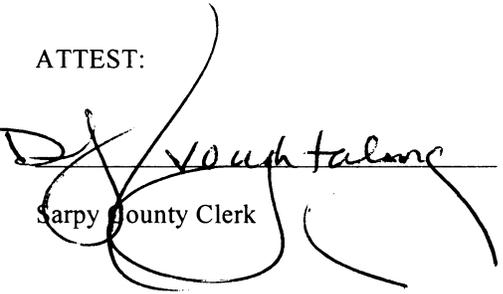
The above Resolution was approved by a vote of the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners at a public meeting duly held in accordance with applicable law on the 20th day of August, 2013.



Sarpy County Board Chairman



ATTEST:



Sarpy County Clerk

Sarpy County Board of Commissioners

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MEMO

To: Sarpy County Board

From: Lisa A. Haire

Re: Nebraska Office of Highway Safety Grant Application for the Traffic Unit

On August 20, 2013, the County Board will be asked to authorize the Chairman to sign the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety grant application for the continuation of the Sarpy County Traffic Unit.

This year's grant application will request \$191,709 for the partial salaries of four (4) sworn officers; two (2) officers for the Bellevue Police Department, and one (1) deputy and one (1) sergeant for the SCSO. Sarpy County and the City of Bellevue will be responsible for funding the remaining personnel costs. A budget is attached to this memo outlining the cost requirements of each agency.

The Traffic Unit will focus on selective enforcement in areas where traffic is highest or where issues have been identified.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have comments or questions.

August 16, 2013



Lisa A. Haire
593-1565

cc: Mark Wayne
Brian Hanson
Scott Bovick
Sheriff Davis
Captain London
Chief Elbert
Deb Houghtaling

BUDGET PROPOSAL

Fiscal Year 2014 (October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014)

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- Total Agency funds **\$191,709**

Total Request from Grantor: Sarpy County requests \$191,709 to assist in maintaining the four (4) law enforcement officers hired strictly to implement the Sarpy County Traffic Unit.



Grant Contract Proposal Cover

Applicant/Organization:	Sarpy County
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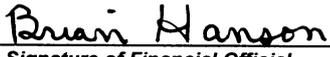
Project Title:	Sarpy County Traffic Unit
Grant Contract Period:	October 2013-September 2014

By signing the Grant Contract Proposal Cover the Applicant/Organization has agreed to comply with all applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations and certifications and assurances contained in Attachment A of the Grant Contract Proposal Guide and Policies and Procedures.


Signature of Authorized Official

Jim Warren/Chairman
Type Name and Title

8-20-13
Date


Signature of Financial Official

Brian Hanson/Fiscal Administrator
Type Name and Title

8-16-13
Date

SARPY COUNTY TRAFFIC UNIT

SUMMARY

The Sarpy County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to the reduction of fatal and injurious crashes. Sarpy County fully supports the Traffic Unit and is requesting funds to continue the dual agency Sarpy County Traffic Unit. The goal of this project is to reduce the number of fatal, A, and B type injury crashes in Sarpy County by 15% (46) from 308 (2009 – 2012 four year baseline average) to 262 in 2014. Additionally, the goal of the Bellevue Police Department is to decrease the fatal, A, and B type injury crashes by 15% (15) in Bellevue from 103 (2009 – 2012 four year baseline average) to 88 in 2014.

The Traffic Unit brings together two law enforcement agencies in an effort to increase selective enforcement in areas where traffic is highest or where problems have been identified by crash data, citizens, or law enforcement without decreasing uniformed patrol levels. In addition to regular traffic enforcement activities, the Unit is available for increased enforcement during public events, school events, and other identified occasions where the potential for fatal and injurious crashes is high. The total cost of the project is \$383,418, with \$191,709 funded by the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety (NOHS) and \$191,709 funded by the agencies.

Continuation of the Traffic Unit will benefit the community by further reducing the number of fatal and injurious crashes and enhancing public safety. By dedicating a patrol team strictly for selective traffic enforcement, other patrol personnel are better able to concentrate on alternate areas of enforcement. Finally, with the continuation of the Traffic Unit, each agency's selective traffic enforcement overtime costs will be decreased.

The Sarpy County Traffic Unit has been operational for four years. During the first year of grant funding (2009-2010), the Traffic Unit hired four (4) new law enforcement professionals and purchased four (4) new law enforcement vehicles for traffic enforcement and uniform patrols in those areas where there was a noted higher probability of fatal and injurious crashes.

Between 2009 and 2012, the Traffic Unit has conducted seventy-four (74) public safety presentations, patrolled 2,892.15 hours in high volume areas during rush hour, 1,275 hours in school zones, and 5,917.80 hours in identified problem areas. Additionally, the Traffic Unit has held seventy (70) traffic safety presentations at local high schools on the topics of drinking and driving, seat belt use, and texting while driving, and assisted with traffic control during special events held in Sarpy County for a total of 2,193.35 hours.

ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND

The Sarpy County Sheriff's Office, headed by Sheriff Jeff Davis, is located in Papillion, Nebraska. The Sheriff's Department employs 129 full time deputies, 67 full-time civilians, and 32 part-time civilians to serve a population of 158,840. The organization of the department is comprised of the Sheriff, the Chief Deputy, who is next in the chain of command, followed by Division Captains, Lieutenants, Sergeants, Corporals, and Deputies. Civilian staff is assigned to the various areas of the department's divisions and units. The civilian staff includes booking clerks, vehicle inspectors, court security entry officers, jail nurses, juvenile center staff, support staff, tow lot operators, evidence and property technicians and technical support. The Sarpy County Sheriff's Department staff is assigned in an organizational structure which includes the Road Patrol, Jail, Investigative, Support Services, and Administrative Divisions.

The Bellevue Police Department employs 95 sworn officers, 16 full-time civilians, and 8 part-time civilians to serve a population of approximately 55,000 citizens. They are a full service police organization made up of four bureaus and seven patrol districts. Part of their mission is to work with the community to prevent problems or to solve them before they negatively impact a person's quality of life. With this in mind, the Bellevue Police Department is constantly striving to provide the most efficient police services possible.

The Traffic Unit is a dual-jurisdictional team consisting of law enforcement professionals from the City of Bellevue Police Department and the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office which include two Officers from Bellevue, one Sergeant from Sarpy County, and one Deputy from Sarpy County.

PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION

In the time period of 2006-2008, prior to the implementation of the Traffic Unit, the County had 1,050 fatal, A, and B type injury crashes. An additional 1,428 C type injury crashes occurred during the same time period. Despite law enforcement traffic safety efforts, between 2006 and 2007 fatal, A, and B type injury crashes increased by 18% and between 2006 and 2008 fatal, A, and B type injury crashes increased by 12% in Sarpy County. County law enforcement agencies have determined there was a lack of personnel and time to dedicate to the type of intensive traffic enforcement that would result in lower rates of crashes. Additionally, selective traffic enforcement was restricted to uniform patrol efforts which limited extensive concentrated service in areas and situations where the probability of fatal and injurious crashes were likely.

With the addition of four new personnel dedicated strictly to traffic enforcement in 2009, uniform patrols have increased in those areas where the probability of fatal and injurious crashes was likely. As a result of this increase in traffic enforcement, the Traffic Unit is having a direct impact on lowering the rate of crashes throughout the County. Based on data from the Standard Summary - Nebraska Department of Roads, from calendar year 2008 to 2011 the total number of fatal, A, and B crashes in Sarpy County decreased 14.4% from 354 to 303. The total number of A and B type injury crashes decreased 14.2% from 346 in 2008 to 297 in 2011. Additionally, type A and type B injury crashes in Bellevue have decreased 8% from 112 in 2008 to 103 in 2011.

Sarpy County

	Fatal Crashes	A Injury Crashes	B Injury Crashes	Total Fatal, A & B	Total A&B Crashes
2008	8	91	255	354	346
2009	4	98	206	308	304
2010	8	56	216	280	272
2011	6	76	221	303	297
2012	8	94	207	309	301
Total	26	354	850	1230	1204
4 yr avg	2009-2012			308	301
15% reduction from 4 yr baseline Average				46	
2014 FY Goal				262	

Crash data includes Papillion and LaVista which are not included in the Grant

City of Bellevue

	Fatal Crashes	A Injury Crashes	B Injury Crashes	Total Fatal, A & B	Total A&B Crashes
2008	0	28	84	112	112
2009	1	23	76	100	99
2010	0	25	69	94	94
2011	1	24	79	104	103
2012	1	22	78	101	100
Total	3	94	302	399	396
4 yr avg	2009-2012			103	99
15% reduction from 4 yr baseline Average				15	
				2014 FY Goal	88

The target population for this project is all drivers operating motor vehicles in Sarpy County. The Traffic Unit serves a population of approximately 158,840 people and 251 square miles which includes the cities of Papillion, Bellevue, La Vista, Gretna, and the rural areas of Sarpy County. According to the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles 2012 Annual Report, there were 118,116 licensed drivers in Sarpy County with another 6,271 holding permits for a total of 124,387 drivers in Sarpy County.

GOAL

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OBJECTIVES

1. To increase traffic enforcement in DDACTS (Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety) identified high problem crash locations from 6 hours to 10 hours per month.
2. To continue selective traffic enforcement in school zones when school is in session, a maximum of 16 hours per week School zone enforcement will only be conducted if identified as a high problem crash location.
3. To participate in selective traffic enforcement at special events and/or statewide traffic enforcement operations, including all High School activities in Sarpy County.
4. Increase public awareness regarding contributing factors to fatal, A and B type injury crashes by conducting traffic safety presentations at schools and other public events such as the Sarpy County Fair.
5. Increase enforcement activities for youth drivers with an emphasis on occupant restraint, DUI, and speeding on rural roads.

STRATEGIES

1. Gather fatal, A and B type injury crash data for Sarpy County, identify high crash locations, prioritize the high crash locations and create a priority listing for selective enforcement activities. Completion Date: October 2013.
2. Assign the grant funded personnel (4 FTEs) to conduct selective enforcement at the identified high crash locations utilizing saturation patrols, checkpoints, speed enforcement, seat belt enforcement, etc. Completion Date: September 2014.
3. Assign the grant funded personnel (4 FTEs) to conduct selective enforcement during, but not limited to, the Click It or Ticket Mobilizations (May and November), You Drink & Drive. You Lose. Crackdowns (August-September, December-

January), Werner Park traffic control (Spring/Summer), Sarpy County Fair (August), Papio Days (June), Offutt Air Show (August), LaVista Days (May), Memorial Day Ceremony, Safe Saturdays, and selected High School activities. Completion: September 2014.

4. Organize and conduct traffic safety presentations on the factors that contribute to fatal and serious injury crashes for schools, fairs, clubs, etc. A minimum of (15) public presentations will be conducted and a minimum (10) school presentations with an emphasis on occupant restraint safety and underage drinking. Completion date: September 2014.
5. Complete monthly selective enforcement activity summary, including a breakout of citations issued, and forward with each monthly report to NOHS. Completion date: Monthly through September 2014.
6. Analyze project period statistics to determine project success, form future planning and create annual report for NOHS. Completion date: November 15, 2014.

EVALUATION

Crash data from the project period will be compared with crash data from the previous year to determine if the decreases in fatal, A and B type injury crashes were achieved in Sarpy County. The crash data from the identified high crash locations will also be analyzed to determine if reductions occurred.

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COST ASSUMPTION

Funding secured through this proposal will assist each law enforcement agency in maintaining the current level of personnel assigned to the Unit. Future personnel costs will be assumed by each agency.