



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** SHERIFF

**File #:** 20-742

Board Meeting Date: 9/29/2020

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**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** 4/5ths

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Carlos G. Bolanos, Sheriff

**Subject:** Appropriation Transfer Request Supporting Sheriff's Office Traffic Enforcement Efforts and Education Campaigns

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve an Appropriation Transfer Request (ATR) in the amount of \$258,250 accepting unanticipated revenue from the California Office of Traffic Safety to support traffic enforcement efforts and education campaigns in FY 2020-21.

**BACKGROUND:**

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office delivers comprehensive law enforcement services to unincorporated areas and several incorporated cities. Some of these services include providing enforcement, collision reporting, and special campaigns such as DUI checkpoints and saturation patrols, distracted driving, and seatbelt enforcement. Enforcement programs and campaigns in addition to ongoing public education and media events are necessary for the Sheriff's Office to accomplish the goal of providing safe roadways.

The California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) provides grants to law enforcement agencies throughout the state to conduct enforcement and education programs focused on deterring unsafe roadway behaviors and promoting safe roadway habits.

**DISCUSSION:**

An application for grant funding was submitted to the OTS and \$258,250 has been awarded to the Sheriff's Office for the grant period beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021.

Funding provided by the OTS will be used to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in crashes involving alcohol and other primary risk factors. Strategies will include operations targeting impaired driving enforcement; enforcement operations focusing on primary crash factors; distracted driving including the use of hand held cell phones and texting; night time seat belt enforcement; special enforcement operations encouraging motorcycle safety; enforcement and public awareness in areas with a high number of bicycle and pedestrian crashes; educational programs to the

community; and educational signage and materials that provide transportation options available for impaired motorists. Training and software upgrades to track collision data are also included. Additionally, these strategies will generate media attention and enhance the overall deterrent effect.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ATR recognizes \$258,250 in unanticipated revenue from the California Office of Traffic Safety and budgets appropriation to support traffic enforcement and education campaigns in FY 2020-21. There is no Net County Cost associated with this action.