



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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STAFF REPORT  
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Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**Title: OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY PILOT PROGRAM FOR BRIEF  
INTERVENTION OF IMPAIRED DRIVERS**

**Location/Council District:** City and County of Sacramento

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt a **Resolution:** 1) accepting \$500,000 in grant funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety for the purpose of establishing a DUI Brief Intervention Program; 2) authorizing the City Manager or his representative to enter into agreements with San Juan Mercy General Hospital and other program providers and partners as needed, to implement a pilot program for the DUI Brief Intervention Program in the City and County of Sacramento; 3) increasing Police Department staffing by one FTE position for a Program Manager; and 4) approving the use of up to \$500,000 in Office of Traffic Safety funding for these purposes.

**Contact:** Bill Beermann, Lieutenant, 433-0714

**Presenters:** Bill Beermann, Lieutenant

**Department:** Police

**Division:** Traffic and Air Operations

**Organization No:** 2166

### **Description/Analysis**

**Issue:** In an attempt to more effectively address the ongoing tragedy of Driving Under the Influence (DUI), the Sacramento Police Department, in collaboration with San Juan Mercy Hospital, sponsored a California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) proposal to implement a pilot DUI Intervention program for repeat DUI offenders. This program will provide alcohol treatment and intervention through Certified Alcohol Counselors during a potential "teachable moment," when repeat DUI offenders are arrested, and their vehicles have been towed and impounded.

In April 2006, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, unanimously approved a Countywide resolution, supported by the Sacramento Criminal Justice Cabinet, authorizing the implementation of this pilot DUI Intervention Program.

**Policy Considerations:** The City of Sacramento has previously accepted grant



awards from the OTS to implement Traffic and Pedestrian Safety programs. Currently, OTS provides funding for programs such as the Regional Street Racing Program Manager, School Traffic Safety Liaison Officer and DUI checkpoints.

**Environmental Considerations:** This recommendation does not constitute a "project" and is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to CEQA guidelines Section 15061 (b)(1) and 15378(b)(3).

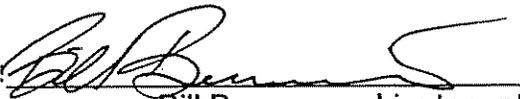
**Rationale for Recommendation:** Of the thirteen largest metropolitan cities in California, the City of Sacramento has consistently had the highest rate of fatal and injury traffic collisions based on population and average number of vehicle miles driven. Alcohol-related collisions, in particular, continue to be tragic. In 2004, in the City of Sacramento, alcohol-related collisions accounted for 8 percent of all injury collisions, but almost 50 percent of total traffic collision fatalities. This statistic is similar for Sacramento County. In 2004, in Sacramento County alcohol-related collisions accounted for 9.1 percent of all traffic collision injuries, but 50 percent of all fatalities. According to the Office of Traffic Safety 2004 statistics, 65 of the 131 traffic fatalities in the City and County were alcohol-related.

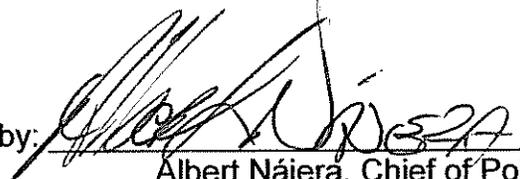
The rationale for this pilot program is to determine the effectiveness of offering repeat DUI offender's immediate DUI counseling and intervention. Prior to their release from the County Jail, repeat DUI offenders will be offered intake assessment with Certified Alcohol Counselors to evaluate their drinking and driving behavior. Based on the intake assessment results, follow-up intervention programs will be recommended and initiated. The Brief DUI Intervention Pilot Program will be used as a test case in Sacramento County to evaluate the impact from providing early DUI intervention and counseling. If this program is successful in reducing the recidivism of repeat DUI drivers, result findings can be used to substantiate and justify program duplication.

**Financial Considerations:** The California Office of Traffic Safety has awarded the Sacramento Police Department \$500,000 to implement an innovative pilot DUI Brief Intervention Program for repeat DUI offenders. The grant program period is from October 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007. The grant program has no matching fund requirements and will pay for the total program costs. One FTE Program Administrator will be hired to manage the program.

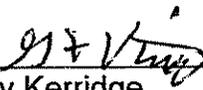
Contracts will be developed with service providers to implement the following program components: DUI intake assessments and counseling and comprehensive program evaluation. The program evaluation will be completed by an independent third party, which will determine the program's effectiveness in reducing DUI-related injury collisions and the recidivism of repeat DUI offenders. To help fund the implementation of this program, a non-profit foundation has been established to solicit businesses and raise funds. This pilot program will expire on December 31, 2007, unless additional program funding is obtained from the State, local government, private business, non-profit sources, or the California Office of Traffic Safety provides funding for program renewal.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** Purchase of supplies and equipment will be made in accordance with the City's Emerging and Small Business Development (ESBD) program requirements whenever possible.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
Bill Beermann, Lieutenant

Approved by:   
Albert Nájera, Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:

  
for Ray Kerridge  
City Manager

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**Attachment 1****Background**

In January 2005, the Sacramento Police Department, in collaboration with San Juan Mercy Hospital, sponsored a California Office of Traffic Safety proposal to implement a pilot DUI Intervention program for repeat DUI offenders. The goal of this program is to provide alcohol treatment and intervention through certified alcohol counselors during a potential "teachable moment," when repeat DUI offenders are arrested, and their vehicles have been towed and impounded. In January 2006, Senate Bill 207, which authorizes the towing and impoundment of vehicles from repeat DUI Offenders, became State Law. Based on this new law, vehicles driven by repeat DUI offenders may be towed and impounded for up to 5 days, if they have had one previous DUI conviction within the preceding 10 years and for up to 15 days with two or more previous DUI offenses within the preceding 10 years.

In April 2006, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, unanimously approved a resolution, supported by the Sacramento Criminal Justice Cabinet, authorizing the implementation of a pilot DUI Intervention Project. The Office of Traffic Safety has awarded the City of Sacramento \$500,000 in grant funding to implement this program. The term of the grant program is from October 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007. The Sacramento Police Department, working with San Juan Mercy Hospital, will oversee the administration of the program. Funding from this program will pay for program management and administration, Intake Alcohol assessments and intervention, and a comprehensive program evaluation, conducted by an independent third party. Agreements will be developed with program partners and service providers in accordance with the Office of Traffic Safety financial guidance. This program is revenue neutral to the City of Sacramento. The Police Department, as Program Administrator, is requesting the addition of one FTE position to manage the program. No grant matching funds are required. If this program is successful in reducing the recidivism of repeat DUI drivers, result findings can be used to substantiate and justify program duplication.

**RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT TO IMPLEMENT A PILOT DUI BRIEF INTERVENTION PROGRAM**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. In 2005, the Sacramento Police Department, in collaboration with San Juan Mercy Hospital, sponsored a California Office of Traffic Safety proposal to provide alcohol treatment assessment and intervention for repeat DUI drivers. The goal of this program proposal is to provide treatment intervention by Certified Alcohol Counselors during a potential "teachable moment" when repeat DUI offenders have been arrested, and their vehicles has been towed and impounded.
- B. In January 2006, Senate Bill 207 became State Law. This law authorizes a peace officer to immediately cause the removal and seizure of a vehicle from a person who meets certain circumstances relating to driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or both (DUI), and who has been previously convicted of DUI within the preceding 10 years. The law provides for a 5-day impoundment of that vehicle if the person has been convicted of DUI once within the preceding 10 years, and a 15-day impoundment if the person has been convicted of DUI 2 or more times within the preceding 10 years, subject to a hearing and certain exceptions.
- C. In April 2006, the County of Sacramento Board of Supervisors, unanimously approved a resolution, supported by the Criminal Justice Cabinet, authorizing the implementation of a pilot DUI Intervention Project.
- D. In June 2006, the Office of Traffic Safety awarded the City of Sacramento \$500,000 in grant funding to implement a pilot DUI Brief Intervention Program in the City and County of Sacramento. The term of the grant program is from October 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1. The City Manager of the City of Sacramento, or his designated representative, is hereby authorized on behalf of the City of Sacramento to accept State of California, Office of Traffic Safety funds in the amount of \$500,000, including any

extensions, amendments, or augmentations thereto, to implement an innovative pilot DUI Brief Intervention Program in the City and County of Sacramento.

2. The City Manager of the City of Sacramento, or his designated representative, is hereby authorized on behalf of the City of Sacramento to enter into agreements with program providers and partners, including but not limited to San Juan Mercy General Hospital, to implement a pilot DUI Brief Intervention Program.
3. The Grant Operating Expense and Revenue budgets shall be amended as follows:

Grant revenue budget:

255-OGR-GXXX-3513	Grant Revenue Budget	\$500,000
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Grant expenditure budget:

255-OGR-GXXX-XXXX	Grant Expense Budget	\$500,000
255-OGR-GXXX-41XX	Salary	\$104,000
255-OGR-GXXX-41xx	Benefits	44,408
255-OGR-GXXX-4264	Travel	4,000
255-OGR-GXXX-44XX	Computer Equipment	3,000
255-OGR-GXXX-44XX	Supplies	7,000
255-OGR-GXXX-42XX	Professional Services	<u>337,592</u>
		\$500,000

Establish a Labor and Grant Offset Budget in the General Fund for FY 06/07:

101-210-2166-41XX	Labor	\$ 85,620
101-210-2166-4715	Labor Grant Recovery	(\$85,620)

4. Increase Police Department staffing by one FTE position for a Program Manager in Traffic Operations (Organization 2166).
5. The term of the DUI Brief Intervention Program will expire on December 31, 2007, unless additional program funding is obtained from State or local government, or private business or non-profit sources, or the California the Office of Traffic Safety provides renewal of program funding.

