

RESOLUTION NO. 2167

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, PERTAINING TO THE SUBMISSION OF PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY FOR THE 2007 FISCAL YEAR (PHOTO RADAR TRAILER).

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Highway Safety is seeking proposals from state and local agencies for projects relating to all aspects of highway safety; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Payson, through its Police Department, is interested in submitting a project to be considered for funding to purchase a photo radar trailer,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, DO HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That approval of the submission of the foregoing project for consideration by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for Fiscal Year 2007 is hereby granted.

Section 2. That Gordon H. Gartner, Chief of Police for the Town of Payson, is appointed agent for the Town of Payson to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all documents and any other necessary or desirable instruments in connection with the Police Department grant.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, this 27th day of April, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES _____ NOES _____ ABSTENTIONS _____ ABSENT _____

Barbara G. Brewer, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

Samuel I. Streichman, Town Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution Number 2167 was duly passed and adopted by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Payson, Arizona, at a regular meeting held on the 27th day of April, 2006, and that a quorum was present at the meeting.

Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET

<u>FOR GOHS USE ONLY</u>	<u>PROPOSAL NUMBER 2007 -</u>
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AGENCY: Town of Payson		
AGENCY CEO: Chief Gordon Gartner		
MAILING ADDRESS: 303 N. Beeline Highway		
CITY: Payson	COUNTY: Gila	ZIP: 85541
AGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER: 928-474-5242		FAX: 928-474-4610
PLEASE INDICATE WHO WILL SERVE AS PROJECT DIRECTOR: Chief Gordon Gartner		
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PLEASE INDICATE WHO WILL SERVE AS PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR: Cmdr. Don Engler		
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SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSAL:
The grant would allow us to purchase a photo radar trailer that would allow the department to conduct traffic enforcement in residential areas when we do not have available personnel for traffic enforcement measures. The proposal also includes funding for officer training, the implementation of a public awareness and safety campaign, physical set-up of the trailer, processing of the radar photographs, completing background checks on the drivers of vehicles photographed and the issuance of warnings and citations. The trailer will also be available for use by other local law enforcement agencies.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF REQUEST: \$18,320

GOHS USE ONLY:

1. Background/Problem:

The Town of Payson covers 19.5 square miles and includes 99.5 miles of roadways, of which approximately seven miles are part of the state highway system. All non-state highway roadways are posted as residential roads. According to ADOT Prescott District Engineer Tom Foster, the intersection of State Highway 87 and State Highway 260 in Payson is the third most dangerous intersection in his district. This intersection is a busy hub, both for local traffic and for motorists traveling north to Pine, Strawberry and Flagstaff or those heading east to Show Low and beyond. Recent improvements and expansion of Hwy. 87 and Hwy. 260 have further increased the volume of traffic. ADOT's 24-hour vehicle count at the south end of Payson ranges from 11,000 vehicles to as high as 23,000 vehicles per day.

This situation—increased traffic volume, a growing population and the close proximity between vehicles and pedestrians/cyclists—make traffic enforcement a crucial part of highway safety in our community. However, due to budget constraints and an understaffed police force, the Town of Payson is unable to conduct the desired level of traffic enforcement. In 2005, there were 349 non-injury accidents, and 85 injury accidents.

2. Attempts to Solve the Problem:

In 2002-03 we received a GOHS grant for Selective Traffic Enforcement Overtime. With those funds, officers worked nearly 170 overtime hours, which resulted in 172 vehicles stopped and the issuance of 178 citations. Of these citations, 139 were for speeding and 22 were for red light violations. We also logged 17 other citations, including one aggravated DUI, two warrant arrests and two possessions of drug paraphernalia.

We also received similar funding in 2003-04, which was used to pay for 160 hours of officers' overtime dedicated to traffic enforcement. We made 225 vehicle stops with 10 arrests and 126 citations. In 2004-05 we received a grant to purchase a laser radar unit, two moving radar units and an in-car video camera. This equipment will enhance our ability to enforce speed violations and aggressive driving statutes. Additionally, as of October 2003, we hired one full-time officer who is entirely devoted to traffic enforcement.

Most recently, thanks to an \$8,160 GOHS grant received in March 2006, we began gearing up for additional selective traffic enforcement details that will take place during our busy summer season.

3. Project Objectives

The grant would allow us to purchase a photo radar trailer from RU2 Systems in Apache Junction, Arizona. This photo radar trailer would allow the Payson Police Department to conduct traffic enforcement in residential areas when we do not have available personnel for traffic enforcement measures. We have numerous weekly complaints from citizens who observe traffic violations who become frustrated in the lack of enforcement. We currently have one full-time position assigned to traffic enforcement. We have a SMART radar

trailer, however, the public is aware that there are no negative consequences for drivers who are in excess of the posted speed limit. The addition of a radar trailer, which has the capacity to generate citable cases, would greatly enhance our traffic enforcement capacity. We know that this is an experimental case in a community our size but we feel that it is a good platform for developing this type of program and we would be happy to share with other law enforcement agencies.

As previously mentioned, we have successfully administered three selective traffic overtime grants since 2002. These have worked well, but like other law enforcement agencies across the state, we are experiencing the negative impacts of an officer shortage. As our over-burdened officers work longer hours and more overtime to cover regular shifts, it has become increasingly difficult to find officers who are available to work selective traffic overtime details. The trailer, we believe, will allow us to maintain our commitment on improved highway safety in the midst of tight staffing constraints.

Objectives are to increase highway safety as follows:

- To conduct photo radar in highway intersections and areas of high risk for the following hazardous conditions and criminal acts related to traffic:
 - speed violations
 - speed not reasonable and prudent
 - school zone speed violations
- To utilize the trailer during at least one holiday weekend;
- To reduce number of speed-related crashes by 8% compared to 2006;
- To reduce number of speed-related injuries by 5% compared to 2006;
- To provide a public awareness campaign in conjunction with the selective traffic enforcement details by submitting three press releases to the Payson Roundup newspaper, KMOG and KRIM radio stations, and to schedule one appearance on T.O.P. Talk, the town's bi-weekly T.V. show. We will also have one educational article in the Town's newsletter, Payson Insight.
- To complete all of the project activities described above no later than December 31, 2007.

4. Method of Procedure

To maximize effectiveness of the grant funds the Payson Police Department will use the following methods to achieve the objectives as listed above:

- a) Enforcement sites will be selected by using one or a combination of the following:
 1. Traffic Crash Data
 2. Holidays
 3. Community Events
- b) The enforcement trailer will be placed in service by June of 2006 with a program and policies governing its use and operation. We will begin with a public awareness

- c) campaign to inform citizens of its use then move into a written warning phase and finally culminate in a citation phase, which will allow the issuance of citations to offenders.
- d) The budget request includes \$300 for a multi-day training for our speed enforcement officer, who will then use the information to train at least two other officers.
- e) The officer time requested (\$5,520) includes implementation of the public awareness campaign, physical set-up of the trailer, processing of the photographs, completing background checks on the drivers of vehicles photographed and the issuance of warnings and citations.
- f) Our department will conduct an ongoing public information program to promote traffic safety and driver awareness as outlined above in the Project Objectives; and
- g) Our department will organize the first speed enforcement within 8 weeks of the grant award and will complete all grant project work no later than December 31, 2007.

5. Budget

a) Purchase of RU2 Photo Radar Trailer	\$12,500.00
Capital Outlay	
b) Personnel Services:	
Selective Traffic Enforcement Overtime	\$ 4,000.00
c) Employee Related Expenses:	
Selective Traffic Enforcement Overtime	\$ 1,520.00
d) Travel In-State	\$ 300.00
e) Travel Out-of-State	\$0
f) Materials & Supplies	\$0
g) Other Expenses	\$0
Total Estimated Costs	\$18,320.00

These federal funds will be used to increase highway safety by addressing a deficiency in our department's traffic enforcement program. Upon termination of federal funding support, the Town of Payson will continue to enforce highway traffic violations but will be unable to provide this level of enforcement. As always, we will continue to pursue all possible funding sources to enhance and improve our department's ability to serve and protect the community.

6. Professional and Technical Personnel

The Project Director will be Payson Police Chief Gordon Gartner

The Project Administrator will be Payson Police Commander Don Engler

~ Thank you for your consideration of our request. ~

LAW ENFORCEMENT
THREE-YEAR TRAFFIC CITATION
AND COLLISION DATA SUMMARY

City/Town of: PAYSON

OR

County of: _____

Agency: PAYSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Description	Last Year (2005)	Two Years Ago (2004)	Three Years Ago (2003)
Alcohol-Related Fatalities	0	0	0
Alcohol-Related Injuries	13	8	10
Speed-Related Fatalities	0	0	0
Speed-Related Injuries	48	23	26
Pedestrian Fatalities	0	0	0
Pedestrian Injuries	4	2	8
Bicycle Fatalities	0	0	0
Bicycle Injuries	4	6	11
Child Restraint Citations	13	15	16
Seat Belt Citations	126	131	67
Speed Citations	1986	1455	804
Aggressive Driver Citations	1	0	0
Red Light Running Citations	123	163	170
DUI Alcohol Arrests – 21 and over	154	121	145
DUI-Drug Arrests – 21 and over	28	17	11
DUI Alcohol Arrests – under 21	19	16	10
DUI-Drug Arrests – under 21	9	7	5
Youth Alcohol Violations – under 21 - Title 4	104	120	86
Youth Alcohol Violations – 21 and over – Title 4	0	3	5

Agency: Town of Payson

BUDGET

I.	Personnel Services	\$ 4,000.00
II.	Employee Related Expenses	\$ 1,520.00
III.	Professional and Outside Services	\$ 0
IV.	Travel In-State	\$ 300.00
V.	Travel Out-of-State	\$ 0
VI.	Materials and Supplies	\$ 0
VII.	Other Expenses	\$ 0
VIII.	Capital Outlay	\$12,500.00
	<u>TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS</u>	<u>\$18,320</u>