

MEMORANDUM
January 30, 2004

To: Mike Wildgen, City Manager

From: W. Ronald Olin, Chief of Police

Ref.: Traffic Unit

The Traffic Unit was in operation for the first year from October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003. Only during about half of the year was the unit active, as the early months were spent procuring equipment and attending training. Thus, statistics were obtained only from March to October 2003.

The 2003 Traffic Unit statistics are attached. You will note the impact that the unit has had in supplementing patrol traffic enforcement. If you have additional questions, please let me know.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron', is positioned above the printed name of the sender.

W. Ronald Olin
Chief of Police

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MEMORANDUM
October 27, 2003

To: W. Ronald Olin, Chief of Police

From: Sergeant Randy Roberts

Ref: First year Traffic Unit Activity

The first year of the Traffic Unit has been completed. The first year of grant timeline for the Traffic Unit is October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003. Due to the ordering and delivery times for equipment and vehicles, the Traffic Unit was partially operational from March 18, 2003 and fully functional from April 23, 2002 through September 30, 2003.

The Traffic Unit worked four fatality accidents, and reconstructed twelve serious accidents. The Traffic Unit issued a total of 4,431 traffic citations. The citations included 2,322 speeding, 1,644 hazardous moving violations (red light, stop sign, etc.), 406 seat belt, 59 child seat/restraint violations. In addition the Traffic Unit made 175 O.U.I. arrests. The Traffic Unit conducted four sobriety checkpoints. During the checkpoints officers contacted 946 drivers and made 7 O.U.I. arrests.

Compared to the statistics from 2000 (which was used in the application for the Traffic Grant), speeding citations remained the same, hazardous moving violations increased 206%, O.U.I. arrests increased 303%, seatbelt violations increased 549%, and child protection/restraint violations increased 800%. The number of injury accidents decreased 22%, along with property damage accidents decreasing 25%.

The following is the comparative statistics for total traffic citations issued by patrol and the dedicated Traffic Unit, from March 2003 through September 30, 2003.

March 2003	Patrol 800/Traffic Unit 262
April 2003	Patrol 898/Traffic Unit 670
May 2003	Patrol 1259/Traffic Unit 495
June 2003	Patrol 993/Traffic Unit 455
July 2003	Patrol 669/Traffic Unit 491
August 2003	Patrol 1184/Traffic Unit 571
September 2003	Patrol 822/Traffic Unit 613

Currently the Traffic Unit is performing at the projected levels for both 2004 and 2005.

Respectfully,

Sgt. Randy Roberts
Sergeant Randy Roberts
Traffic Unit