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SUBJECT: Addison County Traffic Safety Coordinator Support

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has recently awarded the Vergennes Police Department (VPD) grant funding for the implementation of an Addison County Traffic Safety Coordinator. These funds will be delivered through the Vermont Governor's Highway Safety Program, which will maintain fiscal oversight and general administrative responsibilities for the allotted funding. Basically, the Vergennes Police Department will coordinate additional traffic safety training and enforcement within Addison County. Working cooperatively with the Bristol and Middlebury Police Departments, VPD will utilize traffic safety data provided by the Agency of Transportation and will also ask local towns and communities for their input. This grant has been recently activated and the planning process is well underway.

This program is based on data-driven enforcement, i.e. devoting Addison County law enforcement resources in areas which have experienced higher levels of traffic crashes. The primary causation factors are generally excessive speed, impaired driving and distracted operation.

Ensuring the safety of Addison County roadways is our primary focus. Prevention of highway fatalities and injuries through enforcement, education and training is our mission. These additional traffic safety activities will be entirely funded through this grant and these services will be provided to you cost free. Although this is a traffic safety specific grant, the mere presence of a highly visible police officer will also act as a deterrent to other non-traffic criminal activity.

VPD has selected Police Officer Mark Stacey to act as the coordinator for this project. Officer Stacey's contact information is (802) - 877-1152 and he can also be reached via email at (mark.stacey@vermont.gov). In the near future, Officer Stacey will be reaching out to you, for your input and suggestions. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Officer Stacey or myself.

Yours in Service,

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