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 Reviewed By: City Manager *MMH* City Attorney *[Signature]* Finance *SW* Other (Specify) N/A

DATE: January 31, 2008

TO: City Council

FROM: John Crombach, Chief of Police *[Signature]*  
 Police Department

SUBJECT: AVOID the 14 DUI Grant Application

**RECOMMENDATION**

That City Council authorize the City Manager to submit an application to the State of California Office of Traffic Safety for \$557,748 in grant funds for the AVOID the 14 DUI Program.

**DISCUSSION**

The City of Oxnard is ranked number one in the State of California regarding fatal and injury traffic collisions as well as in hit and run traffic collisions. Hit and run drivers are often times intoxicated or unlicensed at the time of the collision and flee the scene to avoid apprehension and prosecution.

Improving the quality of life and protecting everyone who drives within the City of Oxnard is extremely important. We can accomplish these goals by reducing the amount of alcohol related traffic collisions including injury and fatal collisions. Taking different proactive approaches to DUI enforcement, continued public education aimed at the youth in our community, and maximum enforcement on all DUI related crimes are the challenges this grant will address.

With this grant, the Oxnard Police Department will work with all other Ventura County agencies in an effort to reduce DUI related injuries and deaths by conducting multi-agency DUI checkpoints and saturation patrols during peak holiday's which include winter holiday, Memorial Day weekend, July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, and Labor day weekend.

This grant looks at using different proactive approaches to combating "hit and run" and DUI collisions. One approach is to conduct 6 warrant operations that target multiple DUI offenders that have violated their probation terms and have failed to appear in court.

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This grant also looks at targeting the “worst of the worst” repeat DUI offenders. These offenders are drivers that are already on probation and have suspended or revoked driver licenses; however, these offenders continue to drive motor vehicles and more importantly, drive while intoxicated. Officers will be assigned to conduct court surveillance operations that will result in the arrest of the offenders if they driver after their drivers license has been suspended by the judge.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Approval of this recommendation will have no effect on the General Fund Operating Reserve. This grant does not require any matching contribution, nor does it create new positions. The funding will serve to supplement public safety efforts and will not supplant existing efforts.

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