



Highway Safety and Traffic Division
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT APPLICATION
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Highway Safety and Traffic Division
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(Application due by March 01, 2023)

Agency: Independence Police Dept. **Agency ORI#:** MO0480600
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DUNS #: U5W1BFU54PJ3
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Jurisdiction: Urban **Jurisdiction Population:** 123,011
Targeted Population: All Drivers

Project activity for which your agency is requesting funding:

Occupant Protection

Project Title: Occupant Protection Enforcement **Requested Amount:** \$141,625.00
Brief Description: Occupant Protection Enforcement

Adam Dustman

Authorizing Official



Authorizing Official Signature

Chief of Police

Authorizing Official Title

PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION

During 2016-2020, 64.3 percent of drivers and occupants killed in crashes in Missouri were unrestrained. The number of unrestrained teens killed in Missouri crashes during the last five years is even higher - 73.8 percent. When analyzing only the pickup truck drivers and occupants, 74 percent of those killed during the last five years were unrestrained. Missouri's observed safety belt use rate of 88.0 percent in 2021 is below the national average of 90.4 percent. Missouri conducts a statewide observational safety belt survey annually, a teen safety belt survey biennially, and a child passenger and commercial motor vehicle safety belt use survey are conducted when funds are available.

The child safety seat and commercial motor vehicle driver safety belt use surveys are conducted periodically. Teen safety belt use is of particular concern. This group's safety belt use was 11 percent lower than the 2020 overall use rate.

Properly wearing a safety belt or using a child restraint is the single most effective way to prevent death and reduce injuries in a crash. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, safety restraint systems, when utilized correctly, reduce the risk of fatal injuries to front-seat passenger vehicle occupants by 45 percent and reduce the risk of moderate-to-critical injuries by 50 percent. For occupants of light trucks, using safety belts lower the risk of fatal injuries by 60 percent and moderate-to-critical injuries by 65 percent.

From 2019-2021, Independence experienced 6,872 crashes, of which 231 were serious injury crashes and 48 were fatality crashes. It was determined that seat belts or appropriate safety seats were not used in 445 of those crashes. Among these crashes, eighteen (18) resulted in fatal injuries. From the four hundred forty-five crashes, forty-five (45) reported disabling injuries sustained.

The following shows where Independence ranks compared to other cities in Missouri for unbuckled fatalities and serious injury crashes:

Unbuckled Crashes :

-4th in the state

Unbuckled Fatalities:

-4th in the state

Unbuckled Serious Injuries:

-4th in the state

The top four crash locations in Independence are MO-291 at Gudgell St, MO-291 and Frontage Rd, MO-291 and Salisbury Rd, and MO-291 at E. 23rd Street.

GOALS/OBJECTIVES

Core Performance Measure Goals

1. Based on our goal of 0 fatalities by 2030, Missouri is projecting a five-year average target of 388.5 unrestrained passenger vehicle occupant fatalities by December 31, 2023.

Other Performance Measure Goals

1. Missouri's goal is to increase statewide observed seat belt use of front seat outboard occupants in passenger vehicles 1 percentage point annually from the 2021 calendar base year rate of 88% to 90% by December 31, 2023.
1. Participate in the National "Click It or Ticket" campaign
2. Participate in the quarterly occupant protection enforcement campaigns
3. Develop and implement an enforcement plan that will focus on non use of occupant protection devices as required by State statute or local ordinance

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Independence has established a primary seat belt ordinance. Officers will work alone and in teams with enforcement efforts targeting major roadways. Officers will monitor traffic and make contact with observed traffic violators with emphasis on occupant safety devices. There will be zero tolerance for seat belt violations and child restraint violations. We will also participate in the Click-it or Ticket and Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Enforcement mobilizations.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Question	Answer
You must answer the following questions.	
1 Does your agency have and enforce an internal safety belt policy for all personnel?	Yes
2 Does your agency have and enforce a policy restricting cell phone use while driving?	Yes
3 Does your agency report racial profiling data annually?	Yes
4 Does your agency report to STARS?	Yes
5 Does your agency report MIBRS information annually?	Yes
6 Please explain any NO answer(s) to questions 1-5:	
7 Have any of your officers/personnel been debarred and are therefore not eligible to receive federal funds for reimbursement of salary, fringe benefits, or overtime?	No
8 Does your agency have adequate manpower to fully expend the funds requested in this application?	Yes
9 If NO, please explain.	
10 Have any significant changes occurred with your agency within the last year that would affect performance, including personnel or system changes?	No
11 If YES, please explain.	
12 Are you aware of any fraud, waste or abuse on grant projects in your office/agency within the last 5 years?	No
13 If YES, please explain.	
14 If your agency received Highway Safety grant funding in the last three (3) fiscal years and there were unexpended balances, please explain why.	
Grant activities were suspended for a time during the initial stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. Personnel were also temporarily reassigned from traffic assignments to supplement patrol. They continued to engage in grant enforcement efforts but their normal work schedules were altered.	
15 Did your political entity receive more than 80% of its annual gross revenues in Federal Awards in your preceding fiscal year?	No
16 Did your political entity receive \$25,000,000 or more in Federal Awards in your preceding fiscal year?	No

- 17 If you answered NO to either question 15 and 16, DO NOT answer this question. If you answered YES to both question 15 and 16, and the public does not have access to this information, list the names and compensation amounts of the five most highly compensated employees in your business or organization (the legal entity to which the DUNS number it provided belongs).

Please use the most current 12-months of data available for answering questions 18-23. INCLUDE ALL OF YOUR AGENCY'S STATISTICS, NOT JUST THOSE ISSUED DURING GRANT ACTIVITY.

18 Total number of DWI violations written by your agency.	256
19 Total number of speeding citations written by your agency.	3,331
20 Total number of HMV citations written by your agency.	10,538
21 Total number of child safety/booster seat citations written by your agency.	79
22 Total number of safety belt citations written by your agency.	735
23 Total number of warnings issued.	160

Use the most current three years crash data from the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) or your internal record management system for questions 24-34.

24 Total number of traffic crashes.	6,872
25 Total number of traffic crashes resulting in a fatality.	48
26 Total number of traffic crashes resulting in a serious injury.	231
27 Total number of speed-related traffic crashes.	1,053
28 Total number of speed-related traffic crashes resulting in a fatality.	21
29 Total number of speed-related traffic crashes resulting in a serious injury.	60
30 Total number of alcohol-related traffic crashes.	384
31 Total number of alcohol-related traffic crashes resulting in a fatality.	10
32 Total number of alcohol-related traffic crashes resulting in a serious injury.	33
33 Total number of unbuckled fatalities.	18
34 Total number of unbuckled serious injuries.	45

Enter your agency's information below.

35 Total number of commissioned law enforcement officers.	230
36 Total number of commissioned patrol and traffic officers.	100

37 Total number of commissioned law enforcement officers available for overtime enforcement.	207
38 Total number of vehicles available for enforcement.	50
39 Total number of radars/lasers.	46
40 Total number of in-car video cameras.	70
41 Total number of PBTs.	11
42 Total number of Breath Instruments.	3

The following information explains the strategies your agency will use to address the traffic crash problem. This information is considered to be the Project Description and should be specific to the crash problem.

43 Identify primary enforcement locations.	
Major Roadways	
44 Enter the number of enforcement periods your agency will conduct each month.	10
45 Enter the months in which enforcement will be conducted.	
All months.	
46 Enter the days of the week in which enforcement will be conducted.	
All days of the week.	
47 Enter the time of day in which enforcement will be conducted.	
5:00PM-10:00PM	
48 Enter the number of officers assigned during the enforcement period.	16
49 If equipment or supplies are requested to conduct this project, explain below why it is needed and how it will be used.	
No equipment or supplies are being requested.	

PROJECT EVALUATION

The MHTC will administratively evaluate this project. Evaluation will be based, at a minimum, upon the following:

1. Law enforcement compliance with state UCR, Racial Profiling, and STARS reporting requirements (law enforcement contracts only)
2. Timely submission of monthly reimbursement vouchers and appropriate documentation to support reimbursement for expenditures (i.e., personal services, equipment, materials)
3. Timely submission of periodic reports (i.e., monthly, quarterly, semi-annual) as required
4. Timely submission of the Year End Report of activity (due within 30 days after contract completion date)
5. Attaining the Goals set forth in this contract
6. Accomplishing the Objectives* established to meet the project Goals, such as:
 - Enforcement activities (planned activities compared with actual activities)
 - Programs (number and success of programs held compared to planned programs, evaluations if available)
 - Training (actual vs. anticipated enrollment, student evaluations of the class, student test scores on course examinations, location of classes, class cancellation information)
 - Equipment purchases (timely purchase of equipment utilized to support and enhance the traffic safety effort; documentation of equipment use and frequency of use)
 - Public awareness activities (media releases, promotion events, or education materials produced or purchased)
 - Other (any other information or material that supports the Objectives)
7. The project will be evaluated by the Highway Safety and Traffic Division through annual crash analysis .

Evaluation results will be used to determine:

- The success of this type of activity in general and this particular project specifically ;
- Whether similar activities should be supported in the future; and
- Whether grantee will receive funding for future projects.

Annual crash statistics will be analyzed to determine impact of this project.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES

BUDGET

Category	Item	Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total	Match	Total Requested
Personnel							
	Overtime and Fringe	Occupant Protection (Including Officers, and Administrative personnel).	1,000	\$125.00	\$125,000.00	\$0.00	\$125,000.00
	Overtime and Fringe	Highway Safety Enforcement Campaigns (CIOT/CPS).	133	\$125.00	\$16,625.00	\$0.00	\$16,625.00
					\$141,625.00	\$0.00	\$141,625.00
Total Contract					\$141,625.00	\$0.00	\$141,625.00

ATTACHMENTS

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