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**DATE:** 9/27/2010  
**TO:** HON. MARK D. BOUGHTON VIA THE CITY COUNCIL  
**FROM:** DAVID W. ST. HILAIRE, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE *DWS*  
**RE:** 2011 COMPREHENSIVE DUI ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

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Attached for your review is a resolution that will allow the City of Danbury Police Department to accept funding from the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation for the "2010 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program".

The projected cost of this program is \$59,600. The City is responsible for 25% of the cost, or \$14,900 which is available in the Police Department 10/11 budget.

The City Council is respectfully requested to consider this resolution at its next meeting. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact my office at 203-797-4652.

DWS/sk

cc: Chief A. Baker  
Captain T. Wendel

# RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

\_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 2010



**RESOLVED** BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY

**WHEREAS**, the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation, Division of Highway Safety, has made available Federal funding for the 2011 Comprehensive Driving Under the Influence Enforcement Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the total project amount is not to exceed \$59,600, with a State commitment of 75%, or \$44,700 and the required 25% City match of \$14,900; and

**WHEREAS**, the project period is November 19, 2010 through September 12, 2011.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Mayor Mark D. Boughton, or Chief Alan D. Baker, as his designee, is hereby authorized to accept these grant funds and sign all contracts necessary to effectuate the purposes thereof.



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# CITY OF DANBURY

DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810

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September 27, 2010

## MEMORANDUM

To: David St. Hilaire, Director of Finance

From: Alan D. Baker, Chief of Police

Subject: **State of Connecticut – Department of Transportation  
FY 2011 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program Grant**

This Department requests that the Common Council act on and approve the attached State of Connecticut DOT Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program Grant, in that the City agrees to share its contribution responsibility (25% = \$14,900.00) of the total \$59,600.00.

Attached is a letter from Capt. Thomas Wendel, Administrative Division Captain explaining this grant in greater detail.

Alan D. Baker  
Chief of Police

ADB:mrl  
Attach.

Cc: Capt. Wendel

PROJECT TITLE	APPLICANT
FY 2011 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program	Danbury Police Department
	City of Danbury

**STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The percentage of alcohol related fatalities in Connecticut during 2007 (46%) was slightly higher than the national average of 42% and slightly above the 45% in the other New England States. Of the Connecticut fatal crashes, 39% were estimated to have been "high" Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) crashes - (BAC 0.08). The national average for "high" BAC crashes was 35% and it was 39% in the other New England states.

Crashes involving At-Fault Drivers who had been drinking (BAC under 0.08) has increased from 304 in 2005 to 427 in 2007 and crashes involving At-Fault Drivers who were drinking (BAC over 0.08) has increased from 1,501 in 2005 to 1,941 in 2007.

The number of statewide DUI arrests has decreased from 11,997 in 2006 to 11,704 in 2007.

60% of DUI crashes occur during the weekend days of Friday through Sunday.

68% of DUI crashes occur during the night-time hours of 8 PM through 6 AM.

The average BAC of those arrested for DUI increased slightly from 0.162 for 2006 to 0.168 in 2007.

**NOTE: For DUI Patrol activities, the number of enforcement officers allowed per vehicle at any one time is one per vehicle, however, core enforcement hours may be split by more than one officer. All officers who will be assigned to DUI activities have to be updated in the most current version of Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST).**

**NOTE: The operation of this Selective Traffic Enforcement Program shall be above and beyond the normal/special patrol activities scheduled during the program parameters.**

**OBJECTIVES**

To reduce the number of crashes, injuries and fatalities from impaired driving through increased high-visibility DUI enforcement activities. Communicate with the public, through media venues, the increased levels of DUI enforcement activities so drivers will realize the risks and consequences of operating a vehicle while under the influence and therefore deter that behavior.

**ACTIVITIES AND PROCEDURES**

This program is being offered on an expanded year-round basis and is in line with the goals and objectives as highlighted in the Connecticut Highway Safety Plan for FY 2011. Funding will be used to address various circumstances in which increased drinking and driving within the municipality is anticipated to take place. In the course of discussions with police agencies, it is evident that the incidence of impaired driving increases at certain times of the year in addition to holiday periods; for example, shoreline communities which have an increase in population during the summer months. Events such as summer festivals, country fairs, music concerts, sporting events, etc, all represent potential for a higher incidence of impaired driving.

Enforcement techniques employed should include extra DUI patrol activities, and may include DUI Sobriety checkpoints. A checkpoint is defined as, an operation not to exceed eight officers, including a supervisor, conducted at a fixed location, which lasts no more than eight hours where operators are stopped and interviewed to determine if the operator is impaired. Roaming or saturation patrols will not be conducted or reported as checkpoints.

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<b>FY 2011 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program</b>	<b>Danbury Police Department</b>
	<b>City of Danbury</b>

**STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION (CONTINUED):**

**City of Danbury DUI Related Statistics**

<b>Alcohol Crashes</b>		
2007	2008	2009
43	50	63

<b>Alcohol Related Crash Fatalities</b>		
2007	2008	2009
3	1	2

<b>Alcohol Related Crash Injuries</b>		
2007	2008	2009
9	17	17

<b>Number of DUI Arrests made By Danbury PD</b>		
2007	2008	2009
192	178	169

**Objective:**

To remove intoxicated drivers from the streets of of Danbury by pro-active, direct patrol utilizing "DUI Enforcement" with marked patrol cars. The results of this direct patrol woud be an increase in our total number of DUI arrests, which coupled with public awareness and educational efforts should help reduce the number of people willing to drive after drinking.

**Supporting Data:**

During the past three years the Danbury Police Department has made Number of arrests for 14-227a, DUI. In 2007 we made 192, in 2008 we made 178 and so far this year we have made 102 to date. Based on these statistics our alcohol related crashed and fatalities have risen. The grant money we receive from the Department of Transportation will help detet and remove intoxicated and dangerous drivers and enhance public safety on our roadways

**Antiiisipated Activities**

The Danbury Police Department anticipates fielding and directing DUI patrols as well as several DUI Check Points. These patrols will be scheduled for weekends and holidays . These patrols will be publicized in the local newspapers and on local radio stations. Our goal is not only to increase our arrests but to also increase public awareness of our efforts, which hopefully will deter people from drinking and driving.

During the last six months the Danbury Police Department has increased it's Traffic Unit from one officer to four officers and and a Sergeant. In addition the Department has puchased five motorcyces for these officers to use for traffic enforcement. I believe that with the addition of this Unit we will be more effective and productivity during our DUI patrols.