



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 28, 2019

To: Bill Bilyeu
Collin County Administrator

From: Eric Hemphill, PE
Director of Traffic & Incident Management

Re: Collin County STEP Grant Partnership

NTTA has a contract with the Department of Public Safety to provide State Troopers for traffic enforcement, crash investigation, and other police services on our roadways. NTTA is not proposing to replace the Troopers or amend this contract as part of an agreement with Collin County. However, NTTA is proposing to supplement Troopers with County law enforcement for targeted safety campaigns through a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program.

The goal of the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program campaigns would focus on issues such as speeding, failure to use seatbelts, driving while intoxicated, commercial motor vehicle safety, and enforcement of other state and local ordinances as determined by NTTA and the County. The agencies will partner with the ultimate goal of crash reduction through police visibility and enforcement.

The multi-jurisdictional approach is a critical countermeasure in traffic safety. When you have more patrol vehicles in service, you create a greater police presence, which in turn creates a general deterrent because it increases the risk (or perceived risk) that drivers will be caught during a traffic infraction. In order to work effectively, the program must be highly visible and include an equal balance of enforcement. In addition, it provides the opportunity to establish relationships with different entities that can be used during large-scale incidents.

NTTA is proposing an agreement with Collin County in which both parties would agree on the program details including, staffing levels, hours of operation, goals, and costs. The County will be responsible for reporting their results of the program to NTTA, and NTTA will reimburse the County for the actual costs of the program.

NTTA has proposed Collin County as a test for this program and if it is successful it will be expanded to other law enforcement entities.

CC: Elizabeth Mow, PE, Assistant Executive Director of Infrastructure