

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Southern Region Traffic Enforcement Network (SRTEN)

DATE OF MEETING: March 24, 2015

BUDGET IMPACT: Reimbursed 100%

FUNDING SOURCE

- Annual Splost
 Capital GOHS
 N/A

- Regular Meeting
Work Session
Recommendation
Policy/Discussion
Report
Other

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Approval for Sheriff's Office to provide personnel and statistical support to The Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS)

HISTORY, FACTS, AND ISSUES: This is a re-occurring grant awarded to Lowndes County annually since FY 2013. Georgia has seen a decline in the number of fatal crashes over the last three years. Based upon the 2013 data, Georgia has a current fatality rate of 1.09, which is a 3.5% decrease from 2011. Agency participation and reporting are issues that need to be improved to effectively address and evaluate current highway safety programs. The SRTEN has played an integral role in increasing enforcement and agency reporting through monthly regional meetings. Through the Traffic Enforcement Networks, Georgia law enforcement is seemingly mobilized into one unit. All agencies are given current information and training, maximizing highway safety efforts across the state.

The Network holds a minimum of ten monthly network meetings to increase law enforcement involvement in various highway safety campaigns. The Network Coordinator stays in constant contact with law enforcement agencies, local prosecutors and judges from within the network region to promote better cooperation within the region.

The Network increase law enforcement participation throughout the year and during highway safety campaigns such as Click It or Ticket, Operation Zero Tolerance, Hands Across the Border, and 100 Days of Summer Heat. The Network Coordinator keeps the law enforcement agencies in the network alert to upcoming mobilizations and enforcement strategies, as well as training issues and legal updates.

The Traffic Enforcement Networks have helped the GOHS to increase the number of law enforcement agencies reporting their statistics to the GOHS. The Network Coordinators, along with the Law Enforcement Liaisons, continuously monitor non-reporting agencies and strive to get at least 75% of the agencies in their network region to report.

The Networks have increased overall enforcement efforts throughout the state. The Network Coordinators hold a minimum of 5 road checks, preferably multi-jurisdictional road checks, within the network region during the grant period. The road checks focus on safety belt enforcement, and/or impaired driving enforcement.

The Traffic Enforcement Networks will continue to build on this activity through the next fiscal year to increase agency participation and agency reporting. The Networks will continue to hold

monthly network meetings and provide training and current information to Georgia's law enforcement officers. The networks will continue to promote mobilizations and enforcement efforts to further reduce the number of fatal crashes on Georgia's roadways.

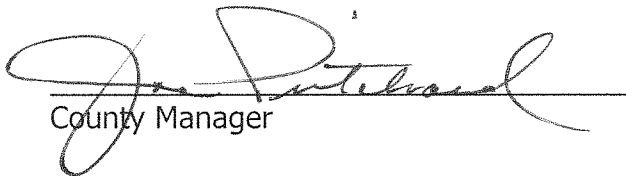
OPTIONS: Board's Pleasure

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

DEPARTMENT: Sheriff's Office

Department Head: Chris Prine

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:



County Manager

Action Taken By Board: _____