



CITY OF
GRAND RAPIDS
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**POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY
BOARD MEETING AGENDA**
Thursday, July 18, 2024
4:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due notice and call thereof, the Police Community Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 4:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers at 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids.

ROLL CALL:

PUBLIC INPUT (if anyone wishes to address the Board):

SETTING THE AGENDA:

CORRESPONDENCE:

APPROVE MINUTES:

- [1.](#) Approval of the Minutes of May 16, 2024

BUSINESS:

- [2.](#) Discussion on meeting policies and procedures.
- [3.](#) Pride Festival

4. Upcoming Events:

- Tall Timber Days, Aug. 2-4
- National Night Out, Aug. 6
- Itasca County Fair, Aug. 14-17
- Safety Camp, Aug. 22

5. DWI Officer Grant

UPDATES:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

ADJOURN:

ATTEST:

MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE

The Board shall meet at minimum, four times each year as determined by the chair. A regular meeting may be cancelled by the chair or a majority of the Board. Every Board member shall be required to attend at least 75% of all meetings each calendar year. Board members who are unable to meet the attendance requirements may be removed by a majority vote of the Board. Prior to a vote considering the potential removal of a member, the member shall be afforded an opportunity to explain his or her reason for non-attendance.

BOARD MEMBERS AND TERM EXPIRATION

Dan Butterfield	12/31/2026	Wendy Uzelac	12/31/2025
Stephen Connolly	12/31/2026	Cassey Casteel	12/31/2024
Pam Dowell	12/31/2026	Kerry Clausen	12/31/2025
Tom Neustrom	12/31/2025	Nicolette Roberts	12/31/2024
Jessica Malmquist	12/31/2024		



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First Chair Connolly called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Board Member Dan Butterfield
 Board Member Pam Dowell
 Board Member Stephen Connolly
 Board Member Tom Neustrom
 Board Chair Wendy Uzelac
 Board Member Kerry Clausen
 Board Member Cassey Casteel
 Board Member Nikki Roberts
 Board Member Jessica Malmquist

STAFF

Chief Andy Morgan
 Captain Kevin Ott
 Captain Jeremy Nelson
 Officer Jeff Madsen

PUBLIC INPUT (if anyone wishes to address the Board):

Dana Butler, 504 NE 4th Avenue, Grand Rapids

Spoke of her concerns about the upcoming Pride Festival happening at the end of June. Recognizing there is a conflict in the community and has safety concerns. Stated that the intent of this festival is to be joyful, build family and create safety. There is a concern of protestors as children will be present.

Daisy Butler, 504 NE 4th Avenue, Grand Rapids

Spoke about the importance of the Pride Festival and what it means to her.

Janet Miller, 416 NW 13th Street, Grand Rapids

Spoke about the Itasca Pride Board, the importance of safety and encouraging community integration. Janet expressed her appreciation of working with the GRPD.

Questions and Answers and discussion time between Public and Board.

SETTING THE AGENDA:

CORRESPONDENCE:

APPROVE MINUTES:

1. Approval of the Minutes of March 21, 2024.

Motion made by Board Member Dowell to accept Minutes of March 21, 2024. Seconded by Board Member Clausen Voting Yea: Board Member Butterfield, Board Member Dowell, Board Member Connolly, Board Member Neustrom, Board Chair Uzelac, Board Member Clausen, Board Member Casteel, Board Member Roberts, Board Member Malmquist

BUSINESS:

2. Introduction of Officer Jeff Madsen

Officer Madsen introduced himself, giving the board an overview of who he is and background information on his previous experience and careers.

3. Summer Intern

Chief Morgan explained the Community Service Officer will be out for the summer and council has approved a summer intern position that will help fill the CSO's responsibilities and also help with front desk duties. There is one applicant being considered for this position.

4. Meds 1/North Memorial

Chief Morgan gave an overview of the transition of Meds1 to North Memorial.

5. Commendation Bars

Chief Morgan explained what GRPD is currently doing to recognize officers. There was discussion with the Board on the importance of officers being recognized and also what can be done for civilians also being recognized.

UPDATES:

6. Jail Update

Chief Morgan gave an update on the jail. Right now there is a focus on licensing. Discussion on when they will begin taking inmates.

7. SRO Update

Chief Morgan gave an update on the School Resource Officer position with the school district. Officer Scott will be at the high school but will also be covering the other schools. There are discussions being had with the school district on how this will look. Board Members discussion and questions around current officer numbers, new hires, upcoming budget renewals and this year's increase in ICR's (Investigative Criminal Reports) compared to last year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Discussion about upcoming festival, police presence and safety concerns.

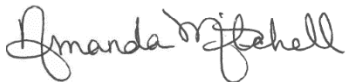
Concerns about north/south stop sign over by Wal-Mart and construction site. Captain Ott will increase patrol and collaborate with county and city zoning.

ADJOURN:

Motion made by Board Member Dowell to adjourn meeting, seconded by Board Member Casteel. Voting Yea: Board Member Butterfield, Board Member Dowell, Board Member Connolly, Board Member Neustrom, Board Chair Uzelac, Board Member Clausen, Board Member Casteel, Board Member Roberts, Board Member Malmquist

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:



Amanda Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS MEETING PROTOCOL POLICY

By action of the City of Grand Rapids, the Council does hereby ordain that all meetings of the Grand Rapids City Council are to be conducted in an orderly manner which welcomes all civil input from citizens and interested parties.

However, the procedure of the Council meetings is to be determined by the Council itself and any person wishing to speak as a member of the public or an interested party must first be acknowledged by the Mayor and ask to speak, the duration of which is to be determined by the Council. Any person giving input to the Council must do so in an orderly non-confrontational manner. If the person is either using loud, boisterous, obscene, demeaning, or abusive language, that person will be asked to leave. If the person will not leave voluntarily, a law enforcement officer will involuntarily escort that person from the meeting. Additionally, the person may be allowed to re-attend said meetings after a written request is made and considered by the Council.

It is also within the purview of the City of Grand Rapids to exclude members of the public from attendance if they have been deemed to have violated this policy in the past. If this procedure is invoked, that person will be given written notice of that exclusion from meetings and a written explanation as to why.

Public Input

This is your opportunity to approach the Police Community Advisory Board and publicly comment and/or share a concern about your specific issues. We ask that you approach the podium and provide your name and address for the public record. A timer will be set for 5 minutes of comment. We ask that members of the public not applaud, engage in conversation, or engage in other behavior through words or action that may disrupt the following proceedings of board. This is not a dialogue, debate, or back and forth with the board but if there is something that needs to be followed up on after the meeting, we and/or City staff will do so and report back to the Police Community Advisory Board if necessary.

SAFETY CAMP

Hosted by the Grand Rapids Police Department, Fire Departments, Itasca County Sheriffs Office, Army Corps of Engineers, North Memorial Ambulance Service, Department of Natural Resources, Public Utilities, Public Works, Itasca County Public Health, and Itasca County SAR

August 22, 2024

9 AM TO 2:30 PM

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FREE TO ALL

HELD AT THE IRA CIVIC CENTER

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

PRIZES GIVEN AWAY

MUST PRE-REGISTER AT:

<https://cityofgrandrapidsmn.com/police/page/safety-camp>

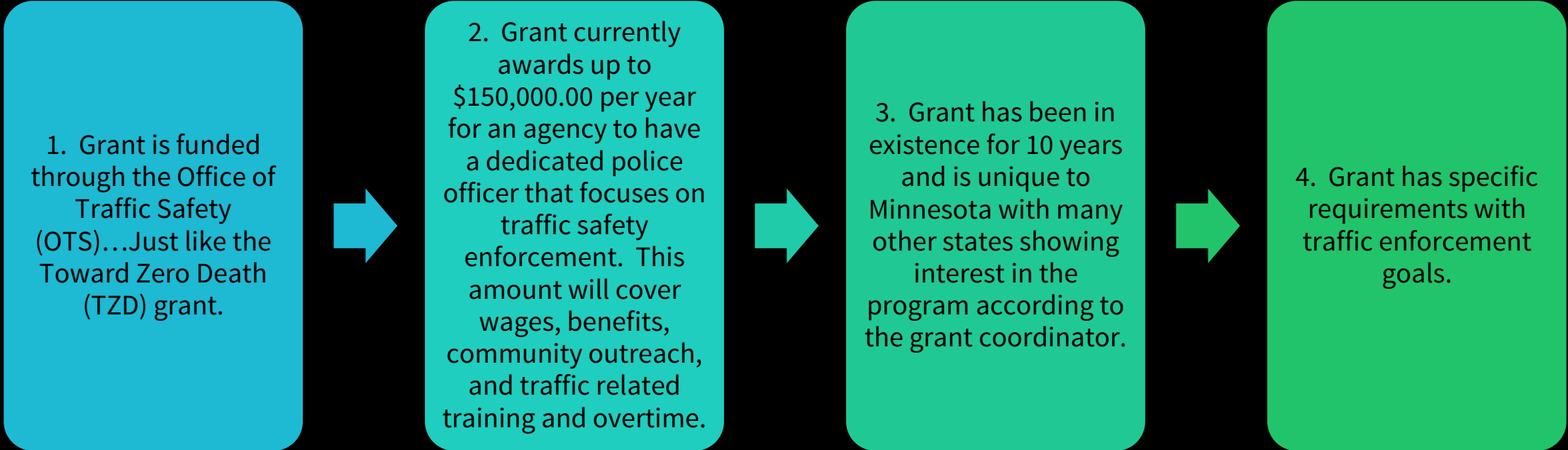




DWI OFFICER GRANT

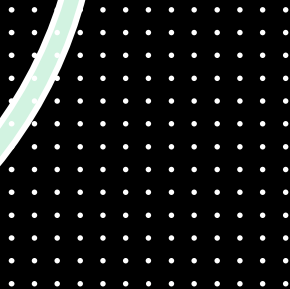
7/8/2024 GRAND RAPIDS
CITY COUNCIL
WORKSESSION

Grant Details





“Staying Power” of the DWI Officer Grant



- 1. Grant started in 2014 with 12 agencies and expanded to 35 agencies in 2024 and is approved for 36 agencies in 2025.
- 2. Of the original 12 agencies, 3 remain funded each year they apply for the grant. Of the 9 that no longer are involved in the program, 8 discontinued their participation voluntarily based on staffing levels. Minneapolis PD was the only other agency that does not have the program because of an administrative decision. Only one agency was forced to be terminated from the program because they failed to submit the required reporting documents.
- 3. Grant coordinator will continue to supply funding with goals being met in the work plan.



DWI Officer influence- “It’s Working!!”

1. Grant is evaluated on a year-to-year basis, specifically in traffic related deaths involving impaired driving.

2. Traffic deaths caused by impaired driving went down statewide from 2022 to 2023 by 35%.

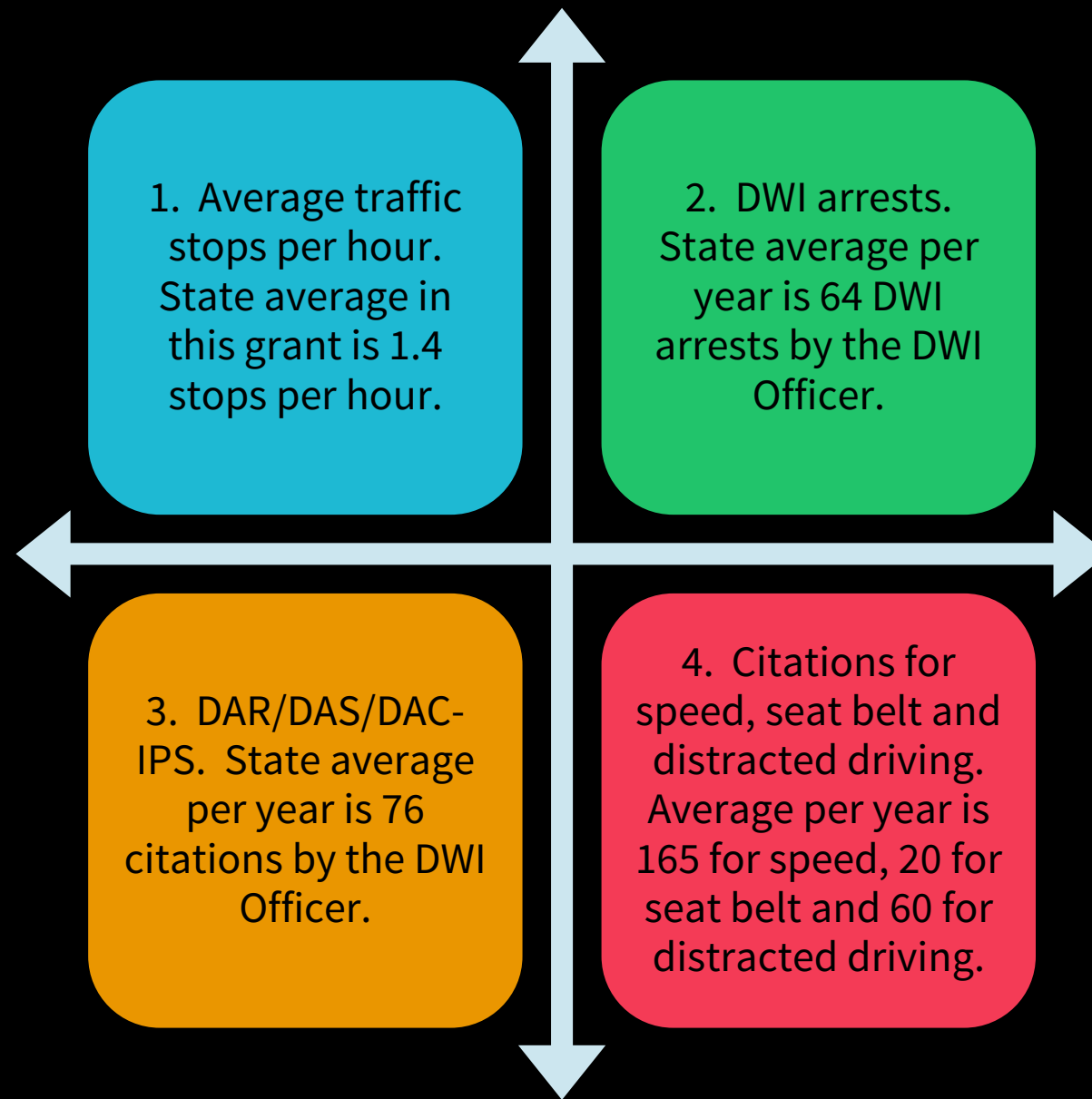
3. Hennepin and Ramsey Counties are the deadliest in the state and have DWI Officer programs. These counties experienced a reduction in impaired driving deaths by 45.8% and 63.3%, respectively in this same time frame.

4. 18 counties have a DWI Officer through this grant. These 18 counties typically account for 50% of impaired driving deaths. So far in 2024, these counties are now only accounting for 27% of the impaired driving deaths in Minnesota.



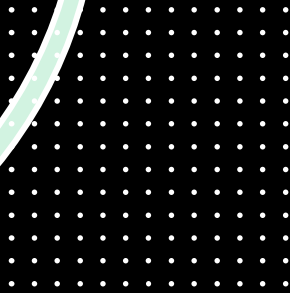


DWI Officer at GRPD- Performance measures

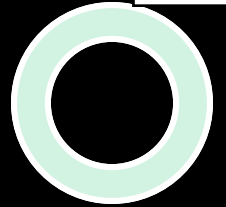




DWI Officer-
“There’s a need
in our region 😞”



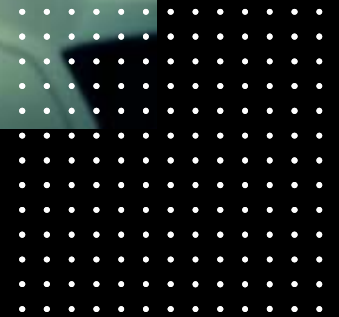
1. OTS tracks fatalities and serious injuries per county. They also track these injuries occurring due to speed, distraction, impaired driving, failing to wear a seat belt and pedestrian injuries and deaths.
2. From 2019-2023, a five year average, Itasca Co. ranks above the state average in all these categories other than the pedestrian category.
3. In all fatal and serious injury crashes, Itasca Co. ranked 19th worst out of 87 counties. These crashes due to speed, Itasca Co. ranked 13th worst out of 87 counties. Crashes due to distraction, Itasca Co. ranked 17th worst (tied). Crashes due to impaired driving, Itasca Co. ranked 12th worst (tied). Crashes due to unbelted passengers/drivers, Itasca Co. ranked 14th worst.
4. As of July 5, 2024, fatal crashes are at 206 statewide in 2024 compared to 164 statewide during the same timeframe in 2023.



Potential costs not covered by the grant



- 1. Any time the DWI officer spends more than 15 minutes assisting other officers on non-traffic related calls. This would be very minimal as the DWI officer would not count toward our staffing minimums.
- 2. Administrative costs would be \$0 as this grant would be supported and managed by a salary employee.
- 3. Vehicle costs would be about \$15,000.00. This is due to the 20% match that is required with our traffic safety vehicle.
- 4. The DWI officer would have the ability to take other overtime shifts if they were scheduled off. This would come out of our regular overtime budget.





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