



LOMBARD POLICE DEPARTMENT



DATE: January 7, 2008

TO: William T. Lichter
Village Manager

FROM: Ray Byrne
Chief of Police

**SUBJECT: Independent Contractor Services Agreement
Comprehensive Traffic Safety Program Grant**

As you know, recently retired Officer Gary Johnston of our Traffic Unit put together a proposal for a comprehensive traffic safety program. He submitted his proposal to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for grant funding and it has been approved. The grant amount is \$346,556.86 and contemplates the initial steps towards a county-wide traffic safety task force. Initially, the task force would be comprised of police departments from Lombard, Glen Ellyn and Villa Park. If successful, future grant amounts could be awarded to increase the size of the safety task force by adding more police departments and municipalities.

Given the complexity of the grant, not to mention the initiative, funding has been provided through the grant for a part-time coordinator. The grant contemplates the coordinator working twenty hours per week at an hourly rate of \$25.00. The attached Independent Contractor Services Agreement contemplates retired Officer Gary Johnston serving as the part-time coordinator for the grant. This really presents an ideal situation as it was Officer Johnston who developed the concept of a county-wide traffic safety task force. Furthermore, it was Officer Johnston who prepared the grant and submitted it to the Illinois Department of Transportation for consideration. No one has a better grasp of the concept or the grant requirements than Officer Johnston.

There will be no fiscal impact to the Village by entering in to this Independent Contractor's Agreement. All of the coordinator's expenses are fully reimbursable under the grant. I would seek your favorable consideration in presenting this Agreement to the Village Board for approval. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions.