

## LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FILE #090146

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**File #090146 authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department to apply for, accept and fund a Traffic and Criminal Software (“TraCS”) Implementation/Extended Use Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation – Bureau of Transportation Safety in the amount of \$29,540. Proceeds will be used to install TraCS compatible printers and peripherals in approximately 70 relief (i.e., replacement) squad cars. This 100% donor funded grant is for the period April 7, 2009 to April 7, 2010.**

### **BACKGROUND**

The primary goal of the Traffic and Criminal Software grant program is to standardize electronic reports and citations throughout Wisconsin, enabling the state’s law enforcement agencies to quickly and efficiently relay this information to the state. This information, in turn, can then be used to plan, administer and evaluate various public safety programs. From a local, practical standpoint, TraCS enables police officers to complete “paperwork” faster, easier and more accurately on accident reports and traffic violations. Beginning this year, MPD TraCS utilization will expand to non-moving municipal violations such as disorderly conduct, loitering, public intoxication and retail theft, among others.

*File #050997* authorized acceptance of a \$50,000 TraCS grant originally earmarked for the purchase of 230 Pentax PocketJet II printers. Instead, funds were used for a quasi-pilot program, outfitting roughly 20 squads (printer and peripherals) and a motorcycle (laptops, printers and mounts) with TraCS technology. *File #070048*, a \$100,000 grant, funded TraCS setups for 25 squads and 4 motorcycles, as well as TraCS interface with the city’s Community Mapping, Planning and Analysis For Safety Strategies (“COMPASS”) Project. *Files #070304* and *#070836* provided a total of \$288,000 in grant funding to outfit 52 motorcycles and 20 relief squad cars with TraCS, and warranty the motorcycle laptops.

Currently, the entire motorcycle fleet, numbering 57, along with 55 squad cars, are equipped with TraCS. The Police Department experienced a 40% increase in traffic citations in the first quarter of 2009 versus the same period one year earlier as displayed below.

<u>2008 Quarter 1 Citations</u>	<u>2009 Quarter 1 Citations</u>
27,318	38,283

### **DISCUSSION**

The \$29,540 in current TraCS grant funds will be used to install printers and peripherals in approximately 70 relief squad cars.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Acceptance of this grant requires no city participation and has no impact on the tax levy.

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