

SeaTac Traffic School

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Intent: to provide information on current driving laws and SeaTac specific traffic safety issues; make drivers more aware and knowledgeable about driving safely

Advantages to the

driver: keep driving record clean, insurance costs, receives review of traffic laws

city: keeps drivers informed of laws, increased compliance

court: reduces number of court challenges

department: reduce officer court time, increase adherence to traffic laws, potential funding for traffic safety efforts

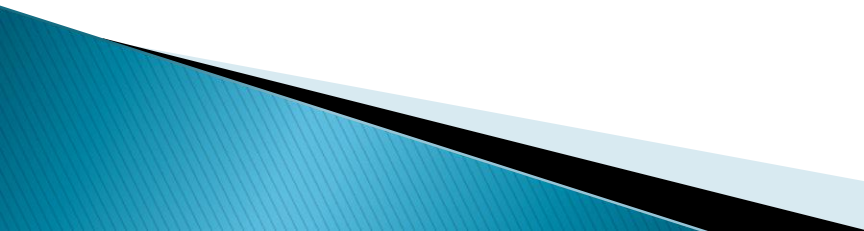
Program specifics – proposal

- ▶ Classes – scheduled for 1st Saturday of the month (4 hour class) – every other month based on our calculations
 - Attendance fee \$100 (for moving violations)
 - Audit fee \$30
 - Rescheduling fee \$30
 - Dedicated Traffic school phone information line
 - Generate application / brochure for applicant
 - Orange sticker to be attached on green copy of ticket or SECTOR ticket provided to driver

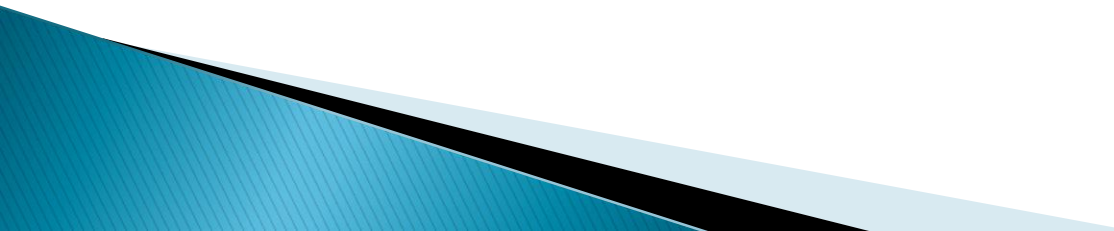
Program specifics – proposal

- Review criteria for approval of applicant
 - ❖ Check driver history – types of traffic tickets & frequency
 - ❖ Last 3 years reviewed
 - ❖ No more than 3 priors in past three years
- Attend traffic school once every 24 months
- CDL holders not allowed
- NO payments received at class; must pay in person at police department

Program specifics – proposal

- Criminal history – Obstructing or assaults towards officers (automatic rejection for school)
 - Coordinate with prosecutors office to dismiss ticket with successful completion of class
 - Students will sign-in and the attendance sheet will be sent to prosecutors office
 - Instructors (sworn personnel are paid overtime from attendance fees collected) – not dependent on current patrol staffing to teach class or city budget
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Program specifics – proposal

- Fees collected dedicated to traffic / law enforcement training and/or equipment per House Bill 1473
 - Aligned with Target Zero priorities (meet state traffic focus) – traffic emphasis enforcement
 - Class is optional; not a deferral
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Kent Traffic School – Example

- ▶ Between 12/2005 and 8/2006 there were only 15 attendees
- ▶ 71 students attended 9/2006–12/2006
- ▶ 419 attendees in 2007
- ▶ 717 attendees in 2008
- ▶ 935 attendees in 2009
- ▶ 1376 attendees in 2010

Kent Traffic School – Example

Revenue

- ▶ 2005 \$90.00
- ▶ 2006 \$4,440.00
- ▶ 2007 \$27,615.00
- ▶ 2008 \$49,980.00
- ▶ 2009 \$98,235.00
- ▶ 2010 \$140,460.00

* Note – Kent initially charged \$30 per student then increased every year and currently charges \$100 per student

Kent Traffic School Costs

Program Supervision	\$225.00
Forms / letters	\$200.00
Postage	\$40.00
Promotion/questions	\$625.00
Instructors	\$500.00
PD admin	\$375.00
Prosecutor, Court	\$525.00
Finance/accounting	\$125.00
Estimated monthly costs	\$2,615.00

Municipal Court Traffic Infraction Caseload Filings

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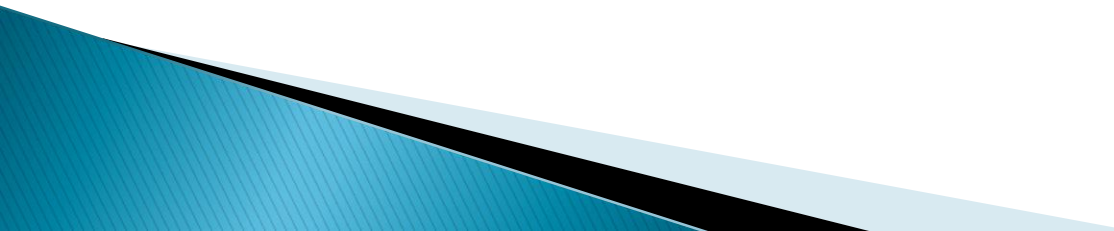
- ▶ Year 2005 3,193
- ▶ Year 2006 2,680
- ▶ Year 2007 2,944
- ▶ Year 2008 2,499
- ▶ Year 2009 1,860
- ▶ Year 2010 1,998

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- ▶ Year 2005 14,171
- ▶ Year 2006 11,525
- ▶ Year 2007 11,062
- ▶ Year 2008 12,750
- ▶ Year 2009 15,204
- ▶ Year 2010 13,024



Municipal Court Traffic Infraction Caseload Filings

- ▶ SeaTac traffic infractions filings are 15% of Kent's caseload
 - ▶ SeaTac could make this traffic school available for other jurisdictions
 - ▶ Filing numbers do not include Red Light or non-moving violation infractions
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SeaTac Municipal Court Estimate

- ▶ Annual Attendance 206 (35 students per class)
- ▶ Annual Revenue \$21,069
- ▶ Annual Costs 15% of Kent's Traffic School
\$400 estimated monthly

Possible Use of Funds

- ▶ Salary of part-time Task Force Program Assistant or overtime for current administrative staff
- ▶ Training of Officers
- ▶ Software for the Laptops
- ▶ Traffic School supplies
- ▶ Alco Sensors – PBT
- ▶ Tint meters
- ▶ Kustom Signals radar traffic equipment
- ▶ Traffic emphasis patrols on overtime
- ▶ Purchase of office supplies & postage to notify attendees

Steps required for traffic school

- ▶ Court schedules hearing dates 5–6 months out (this eliminates extra work filing for continuance)
- ▶ One violation is dismissed
- ▶ Method established to handle ‘no insurance on person’
- ▶ Establish City “fee schedule” – ordinance
- ▶ Write agenda bill / ordinance to set up Traffic School in the city
- ▶ Allow discretion for acceptance
 - Major traffic infractions or criminal traffic citations
 - Extensive driving or criminal record
- ▶ Use stickers on Sector printed tickets ; or brochure for notification of class availability
- ▶ Traffic School does NOT qualify for Defensive Driving
- ▶ 21 mph+ not accepted
- ▶ Can not tell applicant to mark contested or mitigated hearing
- ▶ Divert calls away from the police department records
- ▶ Use sign-in sheet attendance
- ▶ Utilize VIPS program if available instead of overtime or hire part-time staff
- ▶ HS 1473

Questions?

