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TO:

Darlene Brander, Chairperson

Board of Police Commissioners

FROM:

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DATE:

2018 January 15

SUBJECT:

Traffic Safety Funding, City of Saskatoon

FILE #:

2,012

ISSUE:

As part of the City of Saskatoon's traffic safety plan for 2017, the Saskatoon Police Service received \$70,000 for the purpose of directed traffic safety initiatives. This report has been submitted to provide information on how those funds were utilized.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this report be received as information.

DISCUSSION:

As part of any strategic traffic safety process it has long been accepted that there are three vital components to a plan; education, engineering and enforcement. The Saskatoon Police Service was able to utilize 16 different traffic safety initiatives at a cost of \$69,733.40 for the purpose of traffic enforcement and education.

Each traffic initiative involved between 4-8 members on callout to conduct enforcement. The primary focuses of the enforcement were impaired driving, distracted driving, occupant restraints and aggressive driving.

Locations for attention were selected by the Saskatoon Police Service Special Events Coordinator in consultation with the Traffic Unit Staff Sergeant. Locations were chosen based on a series of criteria under the enforcement focus. Officer safety, driver safety and the ability to pull groups of vehicles over are always the two main criteria to determine location. If targeting distracted drivers, the area must have a location suitable for an observer to view vehicles, preferably from a somewhat elevated position. If targeting speed, problematic locations and collision history are taken into consideration. School zones are selected because of the vulnerable nature of road users.

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The following locations were chosen:

Date	# of Total SOT's	Location	
29-Sep-17	107	Attridge & Circle Dr	
5-Oct-17	188	20th St & Ave M	
16-Oct-17	70	Circle & Venture Cres	
17-Oct-17	97	Circle Dr & Dog Park Hill	
27-Oct-17	60	Mckercher & 105th	
30-Oct-17	74	Univ bridge/Idy & 22nd	
31-Oct-17	56	Circle & Diefenbaker Hill	
1-Nov-17	41	Attridge & Central	
4-Nov-17	20	Broadway & 9th St	
6-Nov-17	150	Idylwyld & 8th St	
8-Nov-17	56	Idylwyid & 33rd St	
12-Nov-17	115	Circle & Circle Place	
14-Nov-17	56	8th & Arlington/Idy & 39/Idy & 25th	
18-Nov-17	51	22nd St & Idylwyld	
20-Nov-17	57	Ave C & Cynthia	
30-Nov-17	112	Circle Dr & Valley Rd	

The following charges were laid as a result of enforcement done utilizing this funding:

Offence	Charges
Speeding	761
Speeding in school zone	169
Use/hold/view phone	133
Fail to wear seatbelt	84
Drive while suspended	13
Drive while unregistered	10
Drive without a licence	10
Fail to produce licence	9
Drive without due care	1
Insecure load	3
Drive without valid permit	1
Vehicle equipment violations	95
Miscellaneous	12
TOTAL	1301

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CONCLUSION:

Traffic enforcement is a vital component to modifying driver behaviors. The money allocated from the City to the Saskatoon Police Service assists in making the road safer for all users; automobiles, pedestrians and cyclists.

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