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City Council Agenda

Memo to: Manteca City Council

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Date: December 3, 2019

Subject: Traffic Safety and Enforcement Update and Strategies

Receive 10 year historical traffic safety and enforcement data and provide direction related to the addition of three traffic officers.

Background:

At the September 17, 2019, council meeting the Police Department provided a presentation regarding traffic safety and collisions going back 5 years. At the end of the presentation, Council directed staff to go back and gather information for a period of 10 years.

The updated presentation will include statistical data covering calendar years 2008 through 2018. This data captures overall traffic collisions and traffic citations to include the following categories:

- Fatal Collisions
- Injury Collisions
- Moving Citations
- Non-Moving Citations

It should be noted that in October of 2009, the traffic unit was reduced from a five person unit to a two person unit. In July 2013 a sergeant was reallocated to the unit increasing the unit to three

where it remained until this fiscal year with the addition of one officer in July and a second that will be starting in January of 2020. According the United States Census Bureau, during this ten year period, the City has increased in population from 64,979 to 81,592. Additionally, the overall size of the city has grown increasing the congestion and volume of vehicles on city streets.

Since the beginning of February 2017, one of the Police Department's top priorities has been to make the streets of Manteca safer by increasing the number of personnel assigned to patrol which allows for proactive enforcement. The department has also been of the forefront of creating and participating in a county wide STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) which allows surrounding agencies to pool resources to address traffic related concerns for each community involved. By adding the two additional traffic officers this fiscal year, we anticipate a noticeable increase in traffic citations as well as allowing for educational opportunities and higher visibility in the community.

It is staff's recommendation to defer adding additional personnel to the unit until the fifth traffic officer is in place and updated traffic data can be obtained and evaluated. This will most likely take place in July of 2020 for personnel considerations at mid-year 2021 budget review.

Fiscal Impact:

This is an informational item. Should the Council wish to proceed with adding three additional traffic officers, the overall cost in year one is estimated to be \$585,000 with an annual ongoing expense of approximately \$155,000 per officer.