



U.S. Department
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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

Memorandum

Subject: Automatic License Plate Reader – FOIA Response

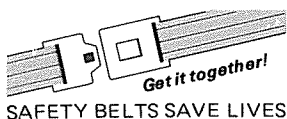
Date: October 24, 2012

From: Romell Cooks

Reply to
Attn. of:

To: Barbara Sauers

Region 7 has five States – Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska. We have two States that have purchased Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPR). Missouri purchased three, and Nebraska purchased two. The following letters document the request and approval for these. We have reviewed our files and verified with the State Highway Safety Offices that Arkansas, Iowa, and Kansas have not purchased any ALPR's.



February 7, 2011

Leanna Depue, Ph.D.
Missouri Department of Transportation
Highway Safety Division
1320 Creek Trail Drive
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

Dear Ms. Depue:

We have received your request for retroactive approval to purchase the equipment listed below that was purchased in FY 2010. After reviewing the information provided, we have determined that the equipment purchased was necessary to assist with highway safety projects in Missouri; therefore we retroactively approve your request for the purchase of the following equipment.

Agency	Item Detail	Budget	Source Section
Jefferson County Sheriff's Department	Purchase (1) Add'l – vehicle	\$28,298.00	154
Jackson County Sheriff's Department	Purchase (1) Add'l License Plate Reader	\$24,080.00	154
Kansas City Police Department	Purchase (1) Add'l License Plate Reader	\$24,080.00	154

Please reference Federal regulations 49 CFR 18.32 and CFR 1200.21 which govern the tracking, managing and disposition of equipment purchased with federal funds for compliance.

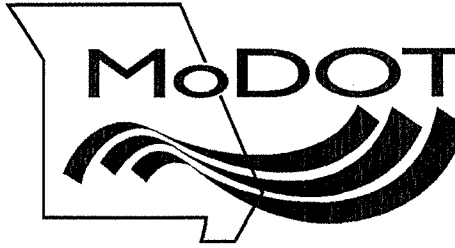
If you have questions, please contact Susan.

Sincerely,



Romell W. Cooks
Regional Administrator

Missouri
Department
of Transportation



Kevin Keith, P.E., Director

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January 14, 2011

Ms. Romell Cooks, Regional Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
901 Locust, Suite 466
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Romell:

We are in the process of reviewing our equipment inventory and ran across a couple of errors in Fiscal Year 2010. The equipment below was purchased without approval and we would like to request retroactive approval for the equipment.

On September 14, 2009, we sent a request for NHTSA approval to purchase three vehicles for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. We received an approval letter for this purchase on October 14, 2009. After reviewing the file, it appears we purchased four vehicles and did not receive approval for the additional vehicle. Three vehicles were purchased 1/21/10 costing \$28,398 each. Jefferson County later requested purchasing an additional vehicle and we revised their contract but failed to get NHTSA approval for the additional vehicle. This vehicle was purchased on 2/16/10 costing \$28,298 (Project #10-154-AL-25).

We also requested a License Plate Reader for Jackson County Sheriff's Department in the September 14, 2009 letter. It was approved in the October 14, 2009 letter and the purchase was made. We inadvertently requested one License Plate Reader but should have requested two. We also purchased a License Plate Reader for the Kansas City Police Department but failed to get NHTSA approval for this purchase. It was purchased on 2/24/10 at a cost of \$24,080 (Project #10-154-AL-42).

If you have any questions or need further explanation, please contact Bill Whitfield, Highway Safety Program Administrator at 800-800-2358.

Sincerely,

Leanna Depue, Ph.D.
Highway Safety Director

copy: Susan deCourcy



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**National Highway
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Region 7
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Missouri, Nebraska

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October 14, 2009

Leanna Depue, Ph.D.
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Highway Safety Division
2211 St. Mary's Boulevard
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109

Dear Ms. Depue:

We have received your request for approval to purchase the equipment listed below to support projects in your Fiscal Year 2010 Highway Safety Plan. After reviewing the information provided, we have determined that the equipment purchase being requested will support state and local projects and help to make an impact on Missouri's highway safety problems; therefore we approve your request to purchase the following equipment.

Agency	Item Detail	Budget	Source Section
Bolivar Police Dept	Digital Video Camera	\$6,489	410
Branson Police Dept	2 Video Cameras (\$5,000 each)	\$10,000	410
Camden County Sheriff's Dept	4 Vehicles (\$25,123 each)	\$100,492	154AL
Columbia Police Dept	2 Vehicles, fully equipped (\$31,500 each)	\$63,000	154AL
Columbia Police Dept	2 Video Cameras (\$5,000 each)	\$10,000	154AL
Columbia Police Dept	2 Mobile Data Terminals (\$10,000 each)	\$20,000	154AL
Farmington Police Dept	2 Video Cameras (\$5,000 each)	\$10,000	154AL
Herculaneum Police Dept	Video Camera	\$5,317	154AL
Howell County Sheriff's Dept	2 Video Cameras (\$5,000 each)	\$10,000	410
Jackson County Sheriff's Dept	License Plate Reader	\$23,725	154AL
Jefferson County Sheriff's Dept	3 Vehicles (\$30,000 each)	\$90,000	154AL
Kansas City Police Dept	Surveillance Vehicle	\$14,000	154AL

Kansas City Police Dept	Computer hardware for surveillance vehicle	\$5,931	154AL
Kansas City Police Dept	Mobile Operational Sobriety Testing Veh.	\$450,000	154AL
Livingston County Sheriff's Dept	Video Camera	\$5,650	410
Newton County Sheriff's Dept	3 Video Cameras (\$6,000 each)	\$18,000	154AL
Overland Police Dept	Laptop with docking station	\$6,100	410
Pevely Police Dept	2 Digital Video Cameras (\$5,000 each)	\$10,000	154AL
Potosi Police Dept	2 Video Cameras (\$5,110 each)	\$10,220	154AL
Rolla Police Dept	3 Video Cameras (\$5,320 each)	\$15,960	154AL
St. Charles Co. Sheriff's Dept	4 Video Cameras (\$5,500 each)	\$22,000	154AL
St. Louis County Police Dept	3 Vehicles (\$25,000 each)	\$75,000	154AL
Springfield Police Dept	Sobriety Checkpoint Equipment Trailer	\$5,000	410
University City Police Dept	2 Video Cameras (\$5,020 each)	\$10,040	154AL
Washington Co. Sheriff's Dept	2 Video Cameras (\$5,105 each)	\$10,210	154AL
Mo. Div. of Alcohol & Tobacco	4 Vehicles (\$19,106 each)	\$76,424	154AL
Mo. Div of Highway Safety	Vehicle (\$35,000) & video camera (\$5,000)	\$35,000	154AL

Please reference Federal regulations 49 CFR 18.32 and CFR 1200.21 which govern the tracking, managing and disposition of equipment purchased with federal funds for compliance.

If any equipment listed above is not purchased this fiscal year, you will need to make notation in the project file to reflect why it did not get purchased, and please send Susan DeCourcy a copy. If you have questions, please contact Susan DeCourcy.

Sincerely,


Romell W. Cooks for
Regional Administrator

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Pete K. Rahn, Director

September 14, 2009

Romell Cooks, Regional Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
901 Locust, Suite 466
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Ms. Cooks:

This letter is being sent to request NHTSA approval for the purchase of equipment that will be used in support of our goal to reduce fatalities and injuries in Missouri resulting from traffic crashes. The equipment listed below supports requests that have been included in the fiscal year 2010 Highway Safety Plan for Missouri. We are convinced the purchase of these items will support our sub-grantees in their ability to strengthen programs targeting aggressive drivers, impaired drivers, and under age drinking. These requests support enforcement efforts that occur in our highest crash locations. A table and detailed explanation is attached.

If you have any questions or need any further explanation, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Leanna Depue, Ph.D.
Director

c: Susan DeCourcy

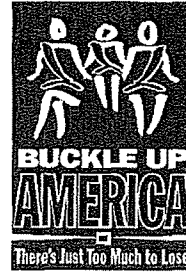
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**National Highway Traffic
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OCT 22 2007

NE DEPT MOTOR VEHICLES
HIGHWAY SAFETY

Subject: Request for Approval, Vehicle License
Plate Camera Reader

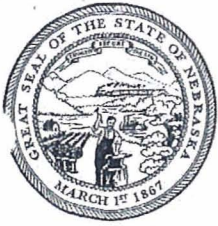
Date: October 18, 2007

From: 
Romell W. Cooks

To: Fred E. Zwonechek

We have reviewed your request to provide funds toward the purchase of a patrol vehicle that exceeds the \$5,000 limit. Your request is approved as submitted, with the understanding that this purchase will be part of a traffic safety program.

Should you have further questions, contact Jim Green or myself.



Dave Heineman
Governor

STATE OF NEBRASKA

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
Beverly Neth
Director

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October 11, 2007

Romell Cooks
Regional Administrator
NHTSA Central Region
901 Locust St.
Kansas City, MO 64106

Re: Electronic Vehicle License Plate Camera Readers

Dear Ms Cooks,

We have received a request from the Nebraska State Patrol asking for approval to purchase two Vehicle License Plate Camera Readers utilizing available Section 163 funding.

Because the Reader units cost approximately \$25,000 each, we are requesting NHTSA authorization to purchase this equipment. License plate readers are infrared cameras which are installed in patrol units and have the capability of reading more than 800 license plates per hour. These units instantly transmit information to a laptop computer inside the patrol vehicle that alerts the officer whenever a match of a suspect vehicle is identified.

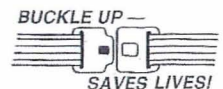
The camera has the capability of scanning multiple lanes of traffic for previously identified violators. Identification of: traffic violation suspect vehicles; vehicles owned by suspended/revoked drivers; and stolen vehicles are just a few of the traffic safety benefits that are expected with the utilization of this technology.

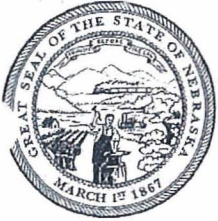
Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

Fred E Zwonechek, Administrator
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety

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Dave Heineman
Governor

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STATE OF NEBRASKA

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NE DEPT MOTOR VEHICLES
HIGHWAY SAFETY

October 8, 2007

Fred Zwonechek
Nebraska Office of Highway Safety
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Dear Mr. Zwonechek:

The Nebraska State Patrol is respectfully requesting your assistance in obtaining approval from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to purchase two license plate readers with funding provided through the Section 163 award / .08 project. The readers cost approximately \$25,000 each.

License plate readers are infrared cameras which are installed in a patrol car. The reader has the capability of reading more than 800 license plates in an hour. They instantly transmit information to a laptop computer inside the car, notifying the officer whenever there is a match in one of the down loaded databases.

The infrared reader instantly scans multiple lanes of highway traffic alerting officers to law violations. The detection of stolen vehicles, wanted persons, and suspended rivers are a sample of how these devices could dramatically increase highway safety with their deployment.

Please contact Marisue Riesenber at 479-4017 if you need additional information on this request. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Bryan Tuma, Colonel
Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety



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