

**Criminal Justice Committee  
District Attorney Agenda  
February 23, 2012**

1. Extension of CARP grant.
2. Awarding of BRYNE JAG grant.
3. Crime Victims Rights Week
4. Distracted Driving: Mark Wescott, Lisa Savard, Larry Waimon

# ***RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM NO. 6***

## ***Request to Amend or Extend Existing Grant***

**DEPARTMENT NAME:** District Attorney

**DATE:** 2-10-12

- (a) Purpose of Grant Amendment: To extend Crimes Against Prosecution CARP grant.
- (b) Resolution No. which Authorized Original Application and Grant: Reso. 640 of 2010
- (c) Name of Grantor: Department of Criminal Justice Services.
- (d) Address of Grantor: 4 Tower Place, Albany, New York 12203.
- (e) Grantor's Contact Person and Telephone Number: Larry Signer, Program Specialist (518) 457-8499.
- (f) Has or Will the Grant Amendment or Grant Extension be provided, if so, Please Attach? Yes, attached.
- (g) Effective Date of Amendment or Extension: January 1, 2012
- (h) Termination Date of Amendment or Extension: December 31, 2012
- (i) Total Dollar Amount Involved (not to exceed): \$70,000.00
- (j) Is a Budget amendment required? No If yes, please complete and submit Form No. 7. attached.
- (k) Are the funds to go into a Capital Project or Capital Reserve Project? No. If yes, also complete and submit Form No. 8 or Form No. 9, as applicable.
- (l) Is a Local Share Required? No. If Yes, Where are the Funds? List Budget Code, Object Code, Full Title\* and Amount **OR** Capital Project **OR** Capital Reserve Project Number and Title and Amount:

# ***RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM NO. 5***

## ***Request to Apply for a Grant Application and Grant Agreement***

**DEPARTMENT NAME:** District Attorney

**DATE:** 02-13-12

- (a) Purpose of Grant: To apply for \$15,000. Byrne JAG grant.
- (b) Name of Grantor: Department of Criminal Justice Services
- (c) Address of Contractor: 4 Tower Place, Albany, New York 12203
- (d) Grantor's Contact Person and Telephone Number: Katie Nastars, 485-9905
- (e) Has or Will the Grant Application or Grant Agreement be provided, if so, Please Attach? Will be provided upon completion.
- (f) Effective Date of Grant: 01/01/2012
- (g) Termination Date of Grant: 12/31/2012
- (h) Total Dollar Amount Involved (not to exceed): \$15,000.00
- (i) Deadline to Submit Grant Application and/or Grant Agreement: March 7, 2012
- (j) Is a Budget amendment required? Yes If yes, also complete and submit Form No. 7.
- (k) Are the funds to go into a Capital Project or Capital Reserve Project? NO If yes, also complete and submit Form No. 8 or Form No. 9, as applicable.
- (i) Is a Local Share Required? No If Yes, Where are the Funds? List Budget Code, Object Code, Full Title\* and Amount **OR** Capital Project **OR** Capital Reserve Project Number and Title and Amount:

**Sample: A.1010 470 Legislative Board – Contract \$xx.xx**  
**Capital Project No. H289.9550 480 – Old Jail Renovations \$xx.xx**

\*as listed in budget and LOGOS

# **RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM NO. 7**

## ***Request to Amend County Budget\****

***\*If this is the result of a grant award, also complete and submit Form No. 5 or 6***

**DEPARTMENT NAME:** District Attorney

**DATE:** 2/13/12

(a) Purpose of Amendment: To accept \$15,000.00 BYRNE JAG grant award.

(b) Appropriation Code, Object Code, Full Title and Amount:

A. 4220 130 Narcotic Control DA Salaries Part Time \$15,000.00

(c) Revenue Code (with title), and Amount:

A. 4220 4313 Narcotic Control DA BYRNE JAG \$15,000.00

# ***RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM NO. 11***

## ***Request to Create New Position***

**DEPARTMENT NAME:** District Attorney

**DATE:** 2-13-12

- (a) Title of Requested Position: Narcotic Control Part Time Investigator
- (b) Annual **Base** Salary (and Grade if Applicable): not to exceed \$15,000.00
- (c) Effective Date for New Position:\* 3-16-12  
\*Please do not backdate unless the purpose is to correct an error.
- (d) List Any Position in the Department=s Table of Organization Being Deleted as a Result of this Request: (Include annual salary and grade if applicable): N/A
- (e) Where are Funds in the Budget for this Position? List Budget Code, Object Code, Full Title and Amount: A. 4220 130 Narcotic Control DA Salary Part Time not to exceed \$15,000.00 from BYRNE grant.
- (f) Has Personnel Officer Reviewed and Approved of the New Position Title? (This is necessary **BEFORE** bringing the request to committees.) Yes
- (g) Is this a mandated position? If so, please explain: No
- (h) Is there expected revenue from this position? If so, please explain: This position will be paid by the BYRNE JAG grant not to exceed \$15,000.00

# RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM NO. 12

Schedule "A"

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILL VACANT POSITION

This notice of intent is filed whenever a department head plans to fill an *existing* funded position in their budget that is vacated due to a retirement, resignation, termination or promotion. This notice may not be used for requests to create a *new* position. For complete instructions on the procedure to be followed, see the reverse of this form.

### DEPARTMENT HEAD COMPLETES THIS SECTION

Department District Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Payroll Dept. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Position Narcotic Control DA Part time investigator \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Salary not to exceed \$15,000.00  
Grade N/S \_\_\_\_\_  
Budget code and title A. 4220 130 Narcotic Control Part Time Salary \_\_\_\_\_ Union  Non-Union   
This position is vacated due to:  Retirement  Resignation  Termination  Promotion  Other new position  
Employee No. 7502  
Is this position mandated?  Yes  No Is the position reimbursable?  Yes  No  
Source of reimbursement:  Federal %  State 100%  Other %  
Impact to Budget: 0  
Human Resources Director has approved this form when initialed. \_\_\_\_\_

### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COMPLETES THIS SECTION

Name of Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 The Administrator has no objection to the filling of the vacancy.  
 The Administrator objects to the filling of the vacancy.

Administrator Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE COMPLETES THIS SECTION

Name of Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 The committee has no objection to the filling of the vacancy.  
 The committee objects to the filling of the vacancy.

Ranking Committee Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSONNEL/HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE COMPLETES THIS SECTION

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 The Personnel/Human Resources Committee has no objection to the filling of the vacancy.  
 The Personnel/Human Resources Committee objects to the filling of the vacancy.

Ranking Committee Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Warren County  
Request to Host Meeting or Conference

Name of Department: District Attorney's office - <sup>Victim</sup> Assistance

Name of Meeting/Conference: National Crime Victims <sup>Program</sup> Rights week - Crime Victims Breakfast

Date: 4-23-12

Location: B+B On the Green - Hudson Falls

Purpose: For National Crime Victims Rights week

Contact Person: (If other than Department Head) MANON AFFINITO

Phone No.: 761-6475

Number of People attending:

50 County Employees

50 State Employees

25 Volunteers

100 Others (specify) Law Enforcement Officers  
crime victims  
" " service providers

Cost to County (please include amounts):

Room rental \_\_\_\_\_  
Food/beverage \_\_\_\_\_ } \$1500.00

Supplies \_\_\_\_\_

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost: \$1500.00

Dept Head Approval:

Kate Hoag  
Signature

2-21-12  
Date:

Committee Chairman Approval:

Beggs  
Signature

2-23-12  
Date

# The Dangers of Distracted Driving: Cell phone use and Texting

**“ My dad drives like he’s drunk. His phone is just like sitting right in front of his face, and he puts his knees on the bottom of the steering wheel and tries to text” (Lenhart, et al.2010).**

**Task Force:** New York State Police, Warren County Sheriff’s Department, Glens Falls Police Department, Warren County DA Kate Hogan, Sheriff Bud York, Chief Will Valenza, Deputy District Director Mark Wescott, VIP speakers Larry Waimon and Lisa Savard.

**Task force goal:** To educate the public, by raising awareness of the dangers associated with cell phone use while driving. We intend to use the local media, by creating PSA’s that provide current data explaining the serious consequences associated with this form of distracted driving. We intend to attach a stigma to receiving a cell phone violation, by adding community service or attending a VIP to the plea. Adding the information to our local schools pre-prom programs, in order to inform teenagers, our highest risk group, would also be beneficial. Just as it is no longer acceptable to drive without wearing a seatbelt , or drive drunk, it must no longer be socially acceptable to text while driving.

**Driver distraction** -a process or condition that draws the driver attention away from the driving task

- With respect to public safety, the data suggest that impairments associated with cell phone drivers may be as great as those commonly observed in intoxicated drivers
- In 2008, approximately 1 in 6 fatal vehicle collisions resulted from a driver being distracted while driving.
- A total of 51,857 fatalities caused by driver distraction occurred between 1999 and 2008.
- Talking on a cell phone raises the risk of collision by more than 30%
- Cell phone use was associated with a fourfold increase in crash injuries resulting in hospitalization
- Fatalities related to distracted driving increased 28.4% from 2005-2008
- Teenagers are at a higher risk for crashes
- This increased crash risk is associated with driving ability, risk-taking behaviors and a willingness to engage in distracted driving behaviors.
- Cell phone use caused a detriment in reaction time, greater following distances and more collisions.
- Texting while driving elevates the risk of an accident by 23.2 times (Box 2009)
  - 1) Texting takes driver’s mental focus away from the driving task
  - 2) Texting driver’s have to take at least one hand off the wheel
  - 3) Drivers usually receive the contents of their text message visually, which requires that they take their eyes off the road for a certain period of time.

- Texting causes missed lane changes by 140%
- Drivers spent 400% of the time not looking at the road
- 50% increase in swerving
- "Texting also had the longest duration of eyes off the road time (4.6 seconds over a 6 second interval) This equates to a driver traveling the length of a football field at 55 mph without looking at the roadway" (Box 2009).
- Text messaging has increased 23% since 2005
- 54% of teens text message daily
- 47% of teens say they can text blindfolded (Harris Interactive 2008) If one believes they can text without looking at the keyboard, one might underestimate the potential for texting to distract one from driving, and thus be more likely to text and drive.

## **Table 2 — Percent of Drivers Admitting to Texting or E-mailing While Driving During Past Month**

Age Group Percent Texting or E-mailing While Driving

16–19	51.4%
20–24	45.1%
25–34	38.7%
35–44	22.1%
45–54	13.3%
55–64	5.6%
65–74	1.1%
75+	2.6%

Average for All Ages 21%

Source: AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, 2009.

### **References**

Trends in Fatalities From Distracted Driving in the United States, 1999 to 2008 (Fernando A. Wilson, PhD and Jim P. Stimpson, PhD, 2010)

The Influence of Driver Distraction on the Severity of Injuries Sustained by Teenage Drivers and their Passengers (David M. Neyens and Linda NG Boyle, 2008)

A Comparison of the Cell Phone Driver and the Drunk Driver (David L. Strayer, Frank A. Drews, and Dennis J. Crouch, 2006)

Wat 2 Do Abt Txt'n & Drv'n (aka: What to do About the Problem of Texting and Driving? (Lisa A. Gardner, Ph.D, 2010)

The Effects of text Messaging on Young Drivers (Simon G. Hosking, Kristie L. Young, and Michael A. Regan, 2009)