

Meeting Date: 7/13/2010



Agenda Item # 8-E

# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Public Hearing           | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Resolution          |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ordinance Second Reading | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Council Approval    |

**Subject:** Child Safety Awareness Program

**BACKGROUND:** The Orange City Police Department recognizes the need for educating our children and adults on the importance of bicycle safety, bicycle helmet usage and the proper use of child restraint devices.

The Police, Fire and Leisure Services departments have joined together to develop and implement a Child Safety Awareness Program. Originally a bicycle helmet program was discussed, however, a broader approach was chosen to incorporate child safety seats and general bicycle safety.

The Police department will supply employees certified in bicycle safety and operations through the International Police Mountain Bike Association. The Police department will also supply employees trained through the Florida Department of Transportation and the University of Florida on bicycle helmet use.

The Fire department will contribute to the program by supplying employees certified through the Kid Safe Program in procedures surrounding the proper installation of child safety seats.

The Leisure Services department will contribute by obtaining bicycle helmets through local organizations such as the Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization. Leisure services will also coordinate City events where the Child Safety Awareness Program will be utilized.

The program will function at City events such as the Halloween Block Party, the July Fourth (Fireworks and Fun event), the Manatee Festival, National Night Out, Music/Movies in the Park, Christmas Village and Light up Orange City. The program will include working with the D.A.R.E. program at the elementary schools.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Staff recommends/requests Council support for this program.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Estimated financial impact will be occasional overtime for officers to attend safety events.

Reviewed by City Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by Finance Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

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