

# STAFF REPORT



**SUBJECT:** SPD Motorcycle Unit Creation

**DEPARTMENT:** Police

**STAFF CONTACT:** Dan M. Harris, Jr.

## RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the utilization and expenditure of federal asset forfeiture funding to create the SPD Motorcycle Unit.

## BACKGROUND:

Traffic Safety is one of the top priorities of the Stephenville Police Department (SPD). SPD is focused on reducing motor vehicle crashes. Not only will this new unit save lives, reduce injuries and reduce property damage but this unit will also allow for additional proactive policing to help reduce crime. High Visibility Engagement (HVE) yields valuable results, making Stephenville safer. According to the Texas Department of Transportation, for every seven traffic stops, traffic collisions are reduced by one. SPD currently has \$46,934.60 in federal asset forfeiture funding that can be utilized and approval is being requested to create the SPD Motorcycle Unit. Working with the Southlake, Texas Department of Public Safety, Longhorn Harley Davidson Police Dealership and several equipment vendors, the total cost will be approximately \$40,000.00. This amount reflects substantial savings in comparison to normally creating a new motorcycle unit.

## FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:

N/A

## ALTERNATIVES

Do not create the SPD Motorcycle Unit.