



## City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

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**File Number:** 2024-713

**Agenda Date:** September 19, 2024

**Department:** Gainesville Police Department

**Title:** 2024-713 Letter of Agreement and Contract with the Institute of Police Technology and Management (B)

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**Description:** Request for the City Commission to authorize the execution of the “Letter of Agreement and Contract” between the Institute of Police Technology and Management and the City of Gainesville in the amount not to exceed \$39,878.89 for the Gainesville Police Department to conduct overtime high visibility education and enforcement operations regarding pedestrian and bicycle safety through May 9, 2025.

**Fiscal Note:** There is no match requirement with the General Fund.

**Explanation:** The Florida Department of Transportation’s Safety Office awarded the University of North Florida’s Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM) a subgrant to utilize law enforcement support to reinforce safe pedestrian, bicyclist, and driver behaviors in priority counties in Florida. According to FDOT’s Crash Analysis Reporting System, Alachua County is ranked number 18 among all Florida counties in traffic crashes resulting in serious injuries and fatalities to pedestrians and bicyclists. Gainesville accounts for 80% of those crashes. Therefore, IPTM seeks to have the Gainesville Police Department (GPD) continue to partner as a vendor for their “Alert Today Florida’s High Visibility Enforcement for Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program”.

The intended goal of the program is to mitigate and reduce crashes by increasing awareness of and compliance with traffic laws that protect the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists on Gainesville’s roadways using high visibility education and enforcement details. Per the contract, for GPD to be reimbursed for these details, officers working the details must first complete a required four-hour training course titled “Pedestrians and Bicycle Law Enforcement: Laws, Procedures and Best Practices.” IPTM will provide the training and training materials. The training expires in two years. Officers that have previously received the four-hour training, but have reached the two-year expiration are still eligible to work these details provided they complete a two-hour refresher training. The IPTM contract provides for cost reimbursement basis of overtime-only education and enforcement details. The program is consistent with the City of Gainesville’s Vision Zero Program.

**Strategic Connection:**

- Goal 1: Equitable Community
- Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- Goal 5: “Best in Class” Neighbor Services

**Recommendation:** The City Commission authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the “Letter of Agreement and Contract” between the Institute of Police Technology and Management and the City of Gainesville in the amount not to exceed \$39,878.89 for the Gainesville Police Department to conduct overtime high visibility education and enforcement operations regarding pedestrian and bicycle safety through May 9, 2025, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.