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The Upper Dublin Township Police Department has been awarded a \$22,069.00 grant from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. The Underage and Dangerous Drinking Grant seeks to support initiatives aimed at preventing underage and dangerous drinking. Committed to providing financial support to address underage and irresponsible alcohol consumption, the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board has awarded almost \$2.3 million to 65 municipalities, community groups, schools, colleges and universities and law enforcement agencies through the 2015-2017 Alcohol Education Grant Program. Sixty-five applicants from 31 counties across Pennsylvania were awarded a total of \$2,274,291.00 in grant funding, which will help fund prevention programs focused on underage alcohol consumption and support related law-enforcement activities. The maximum award for the two-year grant is \$40,000.

The Upper Dublin Township Police Department will utilize the \$22,069.00 in grant funds received and \$6,224.20 in matching funds, to educate the public about the dangers associated with underage and dangerous drinking, dedicate patrol officers to enforcement details with the goal of preventing underage and dangerous drinking, and the purchase two police bicycles to accomplish this mission. The Upper Dublin Township Police Department will create a website that details the dangers associated with underage and dangerous drinking, provide contact information to organizations that can provide further assistance on underage and dangerous drinking and communicate this information to the Upper Dublin Township community via social media and community groups. With regards to the enforcement details, it will be the duty of those officers assigned to the enforcement details to patrol areas frequented by underage and dangerous drinkers. These officers will work during times on days that statistics show there have been large numbers of young people engaged in underage and dangerous drinking practices. Officers will conduct enforcement details in popular underage and dangerous drinking areas utilizing police bicycles. In order to conduct the enforcement details, the Upper Dublin Township Police Department will be purchasing two police bicycles. The police bicycles will be used to patrol those areas of Upper Dublin Township not accessible by police vehicles; these areas include Upper Dublin Township parks and recreation properties,

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School District of Upper Dublin properties, golf courses and country clubs, and large wooded natural areas. With approximately 20 members of the Upper Dublin Township Police Department certified as bicycle police officers, the Bicycle Patrol Unit is a vital asset in preventing underage and dangerous drinking. The assigned detail officers will work closely with campus and school safety and security personnel as well as community leaders, local residents and merchants for the sole purpose of enforcing Federal, State and Local laws. Through educational programs and enforcement details, the Department expects to meet its goal of reducing deaths, injuries, health risks, and property losses caused by underage and dangerous drinking.

The Upper Dublin Township Police Department has been a successful recipient of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board's Underage and Dangerous Grant for many years and as a recipient, the Department has been and will continue to be successful with preventing underage and dangerous drinking.

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