

Colorado Department of Public Safety FY 2010-11 Decision Item #3

Risks

1. CSP believes that without increased resources dedicated to these roadways, fatal and injury crashes will increase.
2. Data shows that a **fatal crash costs just under \$1.1 million to society**
3. Serious injury crashes **cost between \$1 million to \$3.5 million in estimated lifetime medical expenses**
4. **CSP may, without an adequate level of spending authority, have to supplement the Gaming operations with HUTF “Off the Top” fund, that could be spent on other enforcement activities**
5. CSP will, if request is not approved, not have the ability to utilize the available revenue from the Gaming Commission

Problem

1. Passing of **Amendment 50**, which allows casinos in Colorado to be open for 24 hours and permits **alcohol to be served for 24 hours a day**
2. The Gaming Commission, Colorado Department of Transportation and the CSP expect an increase in traffic on highways surrounding gaming communities Black Hawk, Central City, and Cripple Creek--SH 119, US 6, SH 24, and SH 67.
3. Current staffing levels is adequate for **proactive coverage 18 to 20 hours a day**
 - a. There are **4 to 6 hours a day** were CSP cannot adequately address **the 12% to 16 % increase in traffic within these communities per year**
 - b. Patrol currently has 7 FTE to each troop field districts

Solution and Rationale

1. Colorado State Patrol (CSP) **would add 4.0 FTE**, deploying 2.0 FTE into each of the two gaming communities affected by the passing of Amendment 50.
2. Increase spending authority of \$469,584 to augment CSP patrolling operations to and from these limited gaming communities.
3. Approval serves two purposes:
 - a. It **allows CSP to maximize available revenue for it highway safety operations** by properly charging costs incurred in the performance of our safety mission within these Gaming Communities
 - b. Allows CSP to **more effective use of appropriated HUTF “Off the Top” funds by eliminating potential need for such funds to augment Gaming operations.**
4. If approved by the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission funds will be allocated from the Limited Gaming Fund within the Department of Revenue and received as re-appropriated funds within Colorado State Patrol’s Budget.