

June 22, 2009

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Dear Dr. Van Houten:

On behalf of the Gainesville Police Department (GPD) and the City of Gainesville located in Gainesville, Florida, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to apply for the opportunity to participate in NHTSA and WMU's study on driver's compliance with the pedestrian yield the right-of-way laws.

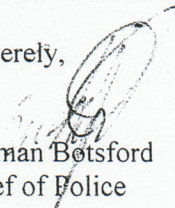
The City of Gainesville is the center of education and employment for the North Central Florida region. Located in the center of the State, Gainesville lies equidistant from Tampa, Jacksonville, Orlando and Tallahassee. Gainesville and its surrounding metropolitan area are home to 217,955 permanent residents as well as approximately 50,000 students at the University of Florida. Due to its central location and having the University of Florida within the city limits, Gainesville provides a variety of services region-wide and enjoys the reputation of being a leader in innovative programs.

The Gainesville Police Department has been recognized nationally for its pioneering work in law enforcement. GPD was one of the first law enforcement agencies nationwide to implement community policing over 20 years ago. While most agencies have a small number of its personnel dedicated to community oriented policing units GPD is one of the few agencies that have implemented the concepts department-wide. GPD also has a long history of involvement with the community and works proactively and collaboratively with its citizens as well as with other law enforcement agencies (University of Florida Police Department (UPD), the Alachua County Sheriff's Office (ASO), and surrounding municipality's law enforcement agencies).

GPD is prepared to meet all the requirements stipulated in your letter of June 5. We are also prepared to continue conducting pedestrian enforcement operations after the program period expires and will do so with the support from other agencies. We will also receive support from the Alachua County Traffic Safety Team and the City of Gainesville's Public Works Bike/Pedestrian Coordinator. GPD looks forward to having the opportunity to expand our agency's as well as our community's knowledge base on this important topic.

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,


Norman Botsford
Chief of Police