**US Department of Justice**

**Edward Byrne Memorial**

**Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program**

**Application and Proposal**

**FY 2013 Local Solicitation**

**West Jordan Police Department, West Jordan Utah**

**$34,538.00**

**“SAFETY THROUGH TRAINING”**

**FY 2013 BJA Justice Assistance Grant**

**Abstract**

**NAME: West Jordan City**

**TITLE OF PROJECT: Safety through Training**

**GOALS OF PROJECT:**

1. To keep the West Jordan police officers highly trained and capable in deciding if, when and how to use deadly force by utilizing training scenarios and equipment that closely replicate real-life encounters.
2. To procure more patrol rifles so officers can adequately confront heavily-armed active gunman situations that are becoming all too common.
3. To educate forensic personnel in the increasingly important roles of: serology, nucleic acid chemistry, DNA analysis, blood spatter analysis and the interpretation of biological evidence.

**PROJECT IDENTIFIERS:**

* Officer Safety
* Firearms/Equipment
* Forensic Science
* DNA Analysis

**DESCRIPTION OF STRATEGIES:**

The West Jordan Police Department endeavors to keep its police officers highly trained and capable in deciding if, when and how to apply deadly force through training scenarios while using safe but realistic training firearms that look, handle and function exactly as their duty equipment. These Simmunition weapons and ammunition more realistically induce the stress of an actual shooting scenario and also accurately portray the skill levels of the officers under stress. Letting the officers safely experience what the stress feels like and see how they perform enable the department to better train and prepare the officers for real-life encounters. Additionally, the department needs to equip more of its officers with patrol rifles to adequately confront the active gunman shootings that are becoming all too common.

The West Jordan Police Department employs forensic personnel who have vastly increased our ability to document, identify and collect items of evidence. With the growing importance that DNA plays in the identification and prosecution of criminals we want to enroll a forensic investigator in an online, graduate-level certificate program in Forensic DNA and Serology through the University of Florida, College of Pharmacy. This course is a 15-credit hour certificate program.

**Program Narrative**

The West Jordan Police Department endeavors to keep its police officers highly trained and capable not just in the application of deadly force, but also in their ability to recognize if, when and when to shoot - by using training scenarios that employ safe but realistic training firearms that look, handle and function exactly as their duty equipment. To make effective use of this training, we need to equip more of our officers with patrol rifles in order to effectively confront an active gunman incident in our community. The Department also needs to educate forensic personnel in the increasingly important roles of: serology, nucleic acid chemistry, DNA analysis, blood spatter analysis and the interpretation of biological evidence. We are in need of funding from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to acquire the following equipment and training that are not feasible with current city monies:

1. **Simmunition Weapons and Ammunition.** The West Jordan Police Department has found that using Simmunition weapons and ammunition for training realistically but safely produces the stress of an actual shooting scenario and reveals the officer’s skill level in that setting. This allows trainers to bring our officers to a higher level of capability and preparation for the application of deadly force. Key to this realistic training is that the fire arms look, handle and function exactly as their duty equipment.
2. **Patrol Rifles.** Additionally the department needs to equip more of its officers with patrol rifles to adequately confront the heavily-armed active shooting incidents that are becoming all too common.
3. **Forensic DNA and Serology Graduate Certificate Course.** The importance that DNA plays in the identification and prosecution of criminals continues to grow. Combined with the backlog of work at State labs and advances in technology it is apparent that forensic personnel at the department level need to have strong foundations in: serology, nucleic acid chemistry, DNA analysis, blood spatter analysis and the interpretation of biological evidence. With help from this grant, we will enroll one of our forensic investigators in a 15-credit hour, online, certificate program for graduate students through the University of Florida, College of Pharmacy.

**Budget and Budget Narrative**

**Equipment and Training**

1. **Simmunition Weapons and Ammunition:**
   1. Sim handgun, Glock 17T NS 14 @ $511 $7,154.00
   2. Marking knife, force on force 2@ $25 $50.00
   3. Protective Mask, FX9003 20@ $134 $2,680.00
   4. Protective Vests, FX9000 6@ $90 $540.00
   5. 9mm ammo, 1000 rd case 10@ $553 $5,530.00
   6. 5.56mm ammo, 1000 rd case 10@ $660 $6,600.00
   7. Parts, extractor FX Glock 17 1@ $48 $48.00
2. **Patrol Rifles:**
   1. Rock River M4, 5.56mm 4@ $1000 $4,000.00
   2. Rifle case 1@ $61 $61.00
3. **Online Courses with University of Florida College of Pharmacy:**
   1. PHA 6853 3 credits @ $525 $1,575.00
   2. PHA 6856 3 credits @ $525 $1,575.00
   3. PHA 6851 3 credits @ $525 $1,575.00
   4. VME 6766 3 credits @ $525 $1,575.00
   5. PHA 6852 3 credits @ $525 $1,575.00

**Total costs: $34,538.00**

**Review Narrative**

The City of West Jordan will publish the Fiscal Year 2013 JAG application on its web site on or before July 10, 2013 making it available to the public and members of the City Council. The Fiscal Year 2013 JAG application will be put on the agenda for the West Jordan City Council meeting on August 14, 2013 when citizens will be given opportunity to make comments. A verification notice of the completion of the 30 day period necessary for review by the governing body and public hearing will be sent to the program manager.

The City of West Jordan and the West Jordan Police Department will use the funds from this award independent of any other awards and or grants; such as the COPS hiring grant, the Bullet Proof Vest partnership or other JAG grant awards. The equipment and training to be purchased with this grant will not be part of any other awards or grants.