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From: Chief Deputy Drage Flick

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Re: Project Narrative – 2016 JAG Funding

In 2015, the Ohio County Sheriff's Office ask to utilize JAG funding to purchase Ballistic helmets and electronic hearing protection for the Special Response Team. The headsets, which were ultimately purchased, were priced higher than our estimated amount. The entire award amount was used to purchase 10 headsets as we felt they were the higher priority of the two items. We would like to use the 2016 JAG funds to complete this project.

With this grant funding, the Ohio County Sheriff's Office would like to complete 3-objectives...

- Increase the wear ability and secure the mounting of existing night vision equipment
- Provide electronic hearing protection to Special Response Team Members during live-fire training or events
- Provide radio communication between Special Response Team Members, Dispatch, and other Ohio County First Responders

During scenario based training, live-fire training, and call-outs; the Ohio County Sheriff's Office Special Response Team has identified the following issues.

Our current ballistic helmets do not have a permanent mount for attaching our night vision monoculars. Team members must use a temporary nylon strapping system. Most often when running or climbing, the strapping system comes loose from the helmet and the night vision becomes loose or falls completely from the helmet. This causes an obvious safety concern for our Team members.

The Ohio County Sheriff's Office Special response team utilizes a headset with microphone for communication between the team, command, dispatch and other first responders. These headsets have reached their end of reliable service life. They are beginning to not function, break, and parts are no longer available from the manufacturer so that they may be repaired.

During live-fire training, members are required to wear hearing protection. While wearing quality electronic hearing protection, members are unable to wear their helmets, nor are they able to wear their radio headsets. We are unable to provide realistic SRT training while firing live rounds because the combination of equipment is not compatible.

The Ohio County Sheriff's Office would like to use these funds to purchase compatible equipment that would allow and solve the previously listed issues.

The military uses a specially designed helmet/headset for their Special Forces / Tactical units that solves the same issues in a combat/military operation.

We would like to purchase 12 – FAST or HighCut style ballistic helmets and 2 – Electronic hearing protection muffs with radio integration for our existing portable walkie-talkies.

The higher cut helmet would allow the user to wear the electronic hearing protection simultaneously. The hearing protection would not only allow the Deputy to protect his hearing during training and real-life incidents; but it will allow for communication over our interoperable radio system.

Based upon recent price quotations, the helmets would cost approximately \$750.00 each and the Electronic Headsets with radio integration would be approximately \$1,060.00 each. To purchase 12 helmets for the Special response Team will cost approximately \$9,000.00. We would also request to spend the balance of our funds to purchase 2 additional headsets, the same as we purchased in 2015. The approximate cost of the two headsets is \$2,121.00.

The total 2016 JAG allocated funds to the Ohio County Sheriff's Office are \$10,443.75. The total amount of our intended purchases is \$11,121.00. The Ohio County Sheriff's Office understands that we are responsible for the approximate \$677.25 in overage.

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