## City of Waukesha County of Waukesha

## **Edward Byrne 2015 Justice Assistance Grant**

## Program Narrative Digital Evidence and Intelligence Enhancement

Part A: City of Waukesha

The City of Waukesha (in cooperation with the County of Waukesha) is submitting a formal proposal for funding under the above titled program. The program will focus on digital evidence and technology improvements to enhance intelligence led policing in the City of Waukesha. The program will target the enhancement of digital evidence, update technology equipment, computer software and hardware, and associated training costs. The program's purpose and goal is to enhance the Waukesha Police Department's ability to equip and train officers with updated digital technology and skills. This will lead to more effective criminal investigations. Focusing on updating digital technology, training officers in new technology and purchasing equipment to gather and maintain digital evidence will result in efficient policing with effectiveness.

Technology updates and the usage of digital evidence continue to be demands on police agencies across the country. As new advancements become available that increase efficiency, the need for police agencies to fund these advancements and training becomes challenging. The technical aspects of computer and digital technology create a need to develop areas of specializations within the police department. Currently, the Waukesha Police Department has two full time Computer Forensics Detectives assigned to our Computer Forensic Unit. As Waukesha continues to experience more crimes relating to computers, internet crimes, and white collar crimes, the need to continue to develop this area of specialization within our department has grown.

The City of Waukesha is experiencing a considerable growth in it's' population; however budgets and funding restrictions are not keeping pace at the same rate. As technology becomes more enhanced, associated costs further increase. With the assistance of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, our intent is to allocate the award as follows:

Equipment-General \$2,567.00

Training \$3,000.00

City of Waukesha Subtotal: \$5,567.00

\$4,567.00

Total: \$10,134.00

Part B: County of Waukesha Tentative Award Allocations:

The Waukesha County Sheriff's Department is a full service law enforcement agency. The Sheriff's Department provides traditional police services of approximately 95,000 residents. This represents approximately 24% of the total county population, which makes the Sheriff's Department the largest direct service law enforcement agency in Waukesha County.

The Sheriff's Department also provides service to a total population of approximately 393,000 residents through interstate highway patrol, the jail division, search and recovery, investigative services, computer forensics, court services, general assistance enforcement to other agencies, serving as back-up and primary service provider for part-time law enforcement agencies, and through the provision of other specialized technical support and assistance.

Through the funding that will be received from the City of Waukesha, the County has initially identified the following program areas to enhance service delivery:

Computer equipment or training for computer forensics unit: \$4,567.00

Total: \$4,567.00