**Stafford County Sheriff’s Office JAG Grant Proposal FY2022-Project Narrative**

**Applicant Jurisdictional Background:**

The Stafford County Sheriff’s Office is a full-service local law enforcement agency providing service to approximately 159,247 residents and thousands of annual visitors to Stafford County, Virginia. The Department provides service through 306 dedicated employees, including 226 sworn deputy sheriffs. The Department conducts multiple activities to prevent crimes, engages in community policing efforts and activities, and strives for close, positive relationships with community members and organizations. The Department answers over 100,000 calls for service from the community annually.

**Program Overview:**

The Stafford County Sheriff’s Office employs a Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT). This team is a part-time team, comprised of full-time deputy sheriff’s, and activated when needed. The Stafford County Sheriff’s Office SWAT Team is mission capable for barricaded subjects, high risk search and arrest warrants, and hostage rescue incidents. The Stafford County Sheriff’s Office SWAT Team conducts monthly training on a myriad of topics including officer rescue, room clearing, and advanced firearms training.

The Stafford County Sheriff’s Office SWAT Team utilizes mechanical breaching methods in the execution of search warrants and barricade situations. Recently the team has tested the hydraulic RAPID Assault RATPAK tool. The Hydraulic RatPak™ is a self-contained, multi-purpose Hydraulic Breaching Tool kit. Four engineered tools are powered by a compact, reliable battery-powered hydraulic pump. The individual tools can be quickly attached onto the hydraulic hose and are immediately ready for use. This tool will greatly improv our teams breaching capability.

Funds from this grant will be utilized to purchase one RatPak hydraulic tool for the use of the Stafford County Sheriff’s Office SWAT Team. A vendor has been selected and the total cost of the purchase is $12,198.00.

The Stafford County Sheriff’s Office has identified key areas of specific focus through its Strategic Planning Process. The Strategic Planning Process involves approximately 65 employees with input from the remaining employees. During that process, employees discuss and identify key areas within the agency that need to be refined and improved. Over the past few years, the strategic planning group alongside the Sheriff has identified traffic safety as the number one priority of this agency. Our crash numbers along with fatalities have increased to numbers never seen in this county. We have identified speed as a leading contributing factor to our increasing crash and fatality rate.

Stafford County is the third largest growing county in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Several main arteries run through Stafford County such as Route 1, Route 17, and I-95. The Stafford County Sheriff’s Office has a Traffic Safety Unit that is charged with the control of traffic movement, enforcement of traffic laws and the reduction of traffic collisions through directed enforcement.

The Traffic Safety Unit provides specific support and problem-solving tactics, provides educational and awareness programs, provides corridor enforcement programs, commercial motor vehicle enforcement, traffic incident management, crash investigation, and support. The Traffic Safety Unit is responsible for solving the more complex traffic issues facing the county. Along with the Traffic Safety Unit, we are employing deputy’s department wide to help curb the growing problem which will require the purchase of additional equipment.

Funds from this grant would support the purchase of 14 additional radar units. Radars are used for speed enforcement which is critical in identifying and reducing traffic accidents within Stafford County.

The cost of thirteen radars would not exceed $29,778.00

7 Stalker Patrol radar units at $1614.00 = $11,298.00

6 Stalker DSR 2X radar units (Traffic Safety Specific) at $3080 = $18,480

Total cost of both projects = $41,976.00

**Program Goals and Objectives: (Breaching Equipment)**

1. Purchase and deploy new RatPak tool for use by the Stafford Sheriff’s Office SWAT team.

**Implementation Schedule**

Month (Post Award) Action

I Secure final purchase authorization and cost.

II Order product to achieve goals.

III Receive product and install new product.

IV Utilize new product.

**Program Goals and Objectives: (Radars)**

1. Provide fourteen additional radars to the Traffic Safety Unit.

**Implementation Schedule (Radars)**

Month (Post Award) Action

I Secure final purchase authorization and cost.

II Order product to achieve goals.

III Receive equipment and distribute to appropriate division.

IV Confirm equipment assignment and success of deployment.

**Metrics:**

Appropriate data for each of the goals will be documented during the grant period. This information will include, but not be limited to, cost, brand of product, model number of product and location of deployment through serial numbers on each item. Collection of that data will be through existing systems in purchasing, budget, finance, and personnel in the agency. The program manager will verify data collection during the grant period.