

Carroll County Sheriff's Office Training Request

Narrative

Project Description:

Carroll County is located west of Atlanta bordering the State of Alabama. It consists of approximately 504 square miles, with 7 municipalities including Carrollton, the county seat, and the jurisdictions of Bowdon, Mount Zion, Roopville, Temple, Whitesburg, and Villa Rica. All the cities except Roopville have a police department. Interstate 20 transverses the northern part of the county, which is generally more suburban, while the southern part is more rural with large farms and timberlands. Per the 2020 Census, the population is at 119,148. With a diversity in land use, the 113 sworn officers of the Carroll County Sheriff's Office must be prepared for a range of challenges when deputies are dispatched to a scene.

In 2020, the Sheriff's Office had 49,176 field service calls, covering 2,207 accidents, 15,653 suspicious persons/vehicles, 7,057 domestics, 347 family violence reports, 534 felony arrests and so forth. Field service calls were up from 44,737 in 2018 and 46,461 in 2019. In the past 3 years, there has been an increase in Use of Force incidents involving the Sheriff's Office: 26 in 2018, 20 in 2019, and 51 in 2020. Even with this increase, use of non-lethal force remains the prevalent choice. Of the 51 incidents in 2020, 18 resulted in general force, 1 discharge of firearm involving an animal, 10 presentations of firearms, 16 deployments of tasers, 2 presentations of tasers, and 4 other uses.

Carroll County Sheriff's Office is seeking funding from this grant for additional equipment and supplies to support its training efforts, including optics for pistols and pepper ball pistols and projectiles. This equipment will better prepare officers with use of force and de-escalation training as part of their on-going training with training officers.

The Carroll County Sheriff's Office Training Division Staff will be responsible for the maintenance of the equipment, periodically checking to ensure everything is operational and in proper working order. If there is problem, they will take the necessary steps to call for parts or repairs as needed.

Needs Statement:

With an increasing number of Use of Force incidents, Carroll County Sheriff's Office is seeking updated training equipment and supplies to better instruct its officers to handle real world scenarios with hand-on training led by training officers.

Project Goals:

Additional training equipment will aid in providing officers with needed skills to utilize during real world events. Ultimately, the goal would be to make use of force events safer for the officer and for the public by teaching a broad range of options, including de-escalation and using non-lethal force options.

If approved, the Carroll County Sheriff's Office will begin using the equipment in 2022.

Project Activities and Services:

1. Execute grant agreement with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

2. Select vendor(s). The Carroll County Sheriff's Office will follow all provisions of the grant agreement and Carroll County's Procurement Policy in obtaining this equipment.
3. Acquire the additional equipment for the Sheriff's Office Training Facility.
4. Utilize the equipment in training classes with the 113 sworn officers of the Carroll County Sheriff's Office, as well as with other police agencies who take classes at the local training center.
5. Submit all reporting as requested and closeout grant.

Resources Needed:

The Sheriff's Office requests the additional equipment and to meet the department's training needs. There is currently no funding in the County Budget to purchase additional training equipment currently.

Budget Category	State Funds	Local Match	Total
Equipment	\$710	\$0	\$710
(2) Pepperball TCP Pistol Yellow with 2 universal magazines	\$710		
Supplies	\$14,235	\$0	\$14,235
(100) Holosun HE508T-RD X2 Reflex Optic Red	\$7,250		
(4) Pepperball Inert Powder Projectiles – 375 Count	\$1,200		
(5) Pepperball LIVE-X PAVA – 375 Count	\$5,785		
Total	\$14,945	\$0	\$14,945