

PROJECT ABSTRACT**Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)**Application 2016-H3844-OK-DJ

TOTAL ALLOCATION (\$16,283):

\$14,655 (plus \$4 from the City of Norman)

\$1,628 (plus \$2 from Cleveland County)

Project title: Strengthening the Ability of Police to Provide Forensic Services, to Search for Missing Persons, and to Reduce the Loss of Property and Life Caused by Collisions.

Problem(s) to be addressed:

- Norman Police Department's Crime Lab requires specialized certifications and continuing education. Our agency struggles with funding that allows forensic technician certification and continuing education.
- The Norman Police Department has limited abilities to respond to missing person who suffer from Alzheimer's, Dementia, Autism or Down Syndrome. Our agency, however, cannot purchase the equipment necessary to assist with finding missing at-risk persons.
- Officers are limited in the amount of traffic enforcement they can accomplish because of the time it takes to hand-write contacts. While the agency has deployed eCitation tools, we do not currently have the funding to expand their use.
- The Cleveland County Sheriff's Office has limited equipment to capture still and video images, process crime scenes, and record data extracted from personal electronic devices.

Project identifier(s): Forensic Science, Missing Children (Persons), Traffic Enforcement

Targeted area/population(s): This project would benefit the victims of major crimes, at-risk missing persons and their families, and Motorists.

Project goals and objectives: The project focuses on certification and continuing education for the department's forensic technicians, assisting with the safe re-unification of lost at-risk missing persons with their caregivers and families, reducing the number of injuries and fatalities and the amount of damage property caused by collisions, and providing multi-use tools for imaging, scene processing, and data extraction during investigations.

Description of strategy: The strategy includes providing funds for training and certification, purchasing equipment to help locate at-risk missing persons, purchasing an additional eCitation tool, and purchasing multi-use video cameras as well as other equipment.

Significant partnerships: The agency has developed partnerships with the Oklahoma City Police Department, Sunbeam Family Services and the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office in pursuit of the objectives of this grant.

Anticipated outcomes: The project allows for more efficient and effective crime scene processing, reduced danger to at-risk missing persons, and a reduction in the number of collisions.

A separate financial account will be established to track purchases with this grant.