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August 24, 2012

Dear North Augusta City Councilperson,

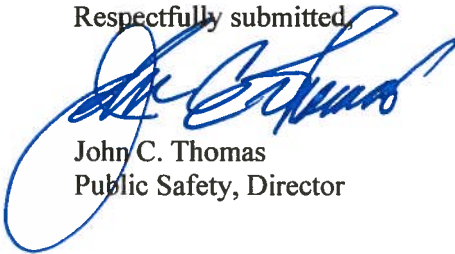
In 2009, North Augusta Public Safety was awarded a federal grant known as the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. We were awarded \$20,519. It was the original intent of Public Safety to use the grant money to purchase EOTech Gun Sights and vehicle trunk racks for the weapons used by our Department's tactical SWAT Team members. According to the guidelines set forth in the grant by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Public Safety was required to inform the governing body of North Augusta as to their receipt of such a grant and their intentions to utilize the funds. In addition, Public Safety was to provide the same information in a public forum through various local media outlets and to make themselves available for any potential questions or concerns from the North Augusta community.

With the retirement of former grant manager, Lt. Pearson in October of 2011, the Department assigned Lt. Thornton to manage the grant. In February of 2012, it was discovered during Public Safety's Enhanced Programmatic Desk Review or in other words, the grant's mid-term status report, notifications to both the governing body and the public had not been successfully completed. The loss of funds was never in jeopardy but it did create a minor setback with reimbursement for the SWAT equipment.

With the end of the grant period coming soon, discussions to prioritize the immediate needs of Public Safety and due to adjustments in federal communication requirements coming in January 2013, it was decided that we needed to upgrade our paging system for Public Safety's emergency first responders. Most pagers in the existing system which operates on a larger band width will not work and is incapable of adapting to the new federal mandated specifications of smaller frequency bands. The others will work if properly reprogrammed. This change is not isolated to just North Augusta Public Safety, all departments, both fire and police across the country that have been using the wider frequency bands are being forced to comply with the federal mandates. It is their ultimate goal that by shrinking band widths better clarity of communication will be provided to more departments.

In order to comply, North Augusta Public Safety wants to use the grant money to address two specific issues directly related to its current emergency paging system. First, we purchase fifty (50) new Motorola Minitor V Pagers and have them programmed to our assigned frequency. Second, we must program the existing stock of pagers that can be reprogrammed as well as reprogramming all the radios currently installed in Public Safety's emergency vehicles. When completed in its entirety, the purchase of pagers and the programming process will exhaust the entire grant account.

Respectfully submitted,



John C. Thomas
Public Safety, Director


 US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

GRANT ADJUSTMENT NOTICE

Grantee Information					
Grantee Name:	City of North Augusta	Project Period:	03/01/2009 - 02/28/2013	GAN Number:	031
Grantee Address:	400 E. Buena Vista Avenue North Augusta, 29841	Program Office:	BJA	Date:	08/21/2012
Grantee DUNS Number:	60-126-1386	Grant Manager:	Gerardo Velazquez		
Grantee EIN:	57-6001089	Application Number(s):	2009-G9223-SC-SB		
Vendor #:	576001089	Award Number:	2009-SB-B9-2243		
Project Title:	Tactical Weaponry Improvement Project	Award Amount:	\$20,519.00		

Program Office Approvals			
*Approval Types			
<input type="checkbox"/> Changes in Consultant rates (in excess of \$450/day)	<input type="checkbox"/> Publication Plan Submissions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Purchase of Automatic Data Processing (ADP) Equipment and Software	<input type="checkbox"/> Funding for Criminal Justice Information and Communication Systems		
<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Travel Costs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Please enter type of Program Office Approval below) Change of equipment		
*Required Justification for Program Office Approvals:			
Realignment of Department priorities from original approved tactical equipment to a new paging system for emergency first responders			
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Budget Worksheet

BJA FY09 Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program
For an Emergency Responding Paging System through technological enhancements and equipment improvements for the North Augusta Public Safety First Responders

A. Personnel \$0.00

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B. Fringe Benefits \$0.00

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C. Travel \$0.00

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D. Equipment \$20,519

<u>Item</u>	<u>Computation</u>	<u>Cost</u>
50 Motorola Minitor V two-tone voice pagers	@ \$410.38 each	\$20,519

G. Consultants/Contracts \$0.00

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Total Direct Costs \$20,519

Budget Summary Page

A. Personnel/Salary Costs	<u>\$0.00</u>
B. Fringe Benefits	<u>\$0.00</u>
C. Travel	<u>\$0.00</u>
D. Equipment	<u>\$20,519</u>
E. Supplies	<u>\$0.00</u>
F. Construction	Unallowable
G. Consultants/Contracts	<u>\$0.00</u>
H. Other	<u>\$0.00</u>
I. Indirect Costs	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	<u>\$20,519</u>
Federal Request	<u>\$20,519</u>
Applicant Funds, if any, to be applied to this project	<u> </u>

Budget Narrative:

A. Personnel

No personnel are authorized or anticipated.

B. Fringe Benefits

No fringe benefits are authorized or anticipated.

C. Travel

No travel is authorized or anticipated.

D. Equipment

Equipment expenditures anticipated are; the purchase of Motorola Minitor V voice pagers. Our grant originally approved the purchase of gun sights and vehicle trunk racks for our SWAT Team members. Within the last several months, the Department has reevaluated their priorities and no longer needs assistance to purchase SWAT equipment. Our focus now is updating our emergency paging system. The reason for updating our pagers is due to the issue of emergency band frequencies being changed. Our current system cannot be changed. We use an emergency paging system throughout the year in situations when time is critical. The system is activated for many reasons which include missing persons, both young and old, extreme weather forecasts and to summon additional manpower during search operations of fleeing felons. To the extent that the acquisition cost of the proposed paging system and programming process exceed the amount of the federal grant allocation, any additional local funds required to complete the purchase will be sustained by applicant.

E. Supplies

No supplies are authorized or anticipated..

F. Construction

No construction is authorized or anticipated.

G. Consultants/Contracts

No consultants are authorized or anticipated.

H. Other

No other costs are anticipated.

I. Indirect Costs

No indirect costs are authorized or anticipated.