

PROPOSAL NARRATIVE
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Tactical Trauma Bags – Narrative

The Pensacola Police Department is applying for a \$29,778 through the FY 22 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Local Solicitation to purchase 185 tactical trauma bags for officers to keep in police vehicles and use at emergency scenes.

These bags are not intended to replace the skills / medical care provided by EMTs/paramedics. Rather they are designed to allow officers to provide basic first aid – beyond Band Aids – to trauma or seriously injured people.

Contents for the Vel-Tye ARTAC Bag include two SWAT-T tourniquets, one HYFIN-vented chest seal, three Z-folded Krinkle gauze, three six-inch Ace bandages, one survival wrap blanket, one roll of medical duct tape, one set of trauma shears, and one box of nitrile disposable gloves. Additional supplies will be purchased to replenish items that are used. The initial cost of the bags plus supplies will be \$28,527.00 plus the remaining \$1,251 to be spent on purchasing supplies to replace those that are used.

From serious chest wounds to hypothermia, the contents of this bag could easily save someone's life until advanced medical care arrives on scene or they are transferred to a hospital.

PROPOSAL ABSTRACT

a. Description of the Issue –

- Patrol officers are encountering serious injuries from gunshot wounds more and more often on the streets. Basic medical care such as tourniquets and a vented chest seal could make a difference in saving someone's life until paramedics/EMTs arrive.
- As the volume of emergency calls increase yearly, it can result in delays – perhaps of only a few minutes – for an ambulance to arrive. During that time, officers could begin basic emergency medical care

b. Project Design and Implementation –

Once the bags/supplies are ordered and arrive, they will be distributed to the department's officers to keep in their police vehicles. Officers will be responsible for replacing items from supplies kept in the Training Section once they have used those in their bag.

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c. Capabilities and Competencies –

N/A

d. Plan for collecting data required for this solicitation's performance measures –

A roster of issued equipment will be maintained in the Training Section. Equipment that is issued and replaced will be inventoried on the list and can be shown on performance measures as to how much/many pieces of medical equipment were used.

d. Project identifiers –

- Improved opportunities for officers to provide a more advanced form of first aid for disaster and seriously injured people.
- Requests for equipment replacement in bags.
- Ability for officers to calm injured people by actively applying a gauze bandage or tourniquet to injuries instead of just telling them to hold on and help is on the way.