


MEMORANDUM

TO: Catherine A. White
Court Administration

FROM: Tommi Lyter, Chief 
Pensacola Police Department

DATE: August 10, 2017

SUBJECT: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Proposal

BACKGROUND

In its on-going efforts to reduce crime and arrest criminals, the Pensacola Police Department remains vigilant in retaining programs that work and implementing new ones.

PROPOSAL

The Pensacola Police Department is requesting \$10,000 to renew its subscription to the LeadsOnline database, which is used by Escambia County businesses as well as more than 35,000 businesses nationwide. An additional \$62,000 is requested for the department to purchase a Faro Laser Scanner.

PROGRAM AREAS

LeadsOnline is the country's largest on-line investigative system used by law enforcement officers to help solve crimes – from stolen firearms/property to property used in the commission of violent felonies.

Detectives, officers in the field and the department's Crime Data Analyst access LeadsOnline almost daily as they investigate anything from gun thefts to property crimes. Among the cases where the Pensacola Police Department has used LeadsOnline since acquiring the software in FY2016 have been grand thefts, burglaries, petit thefts, shopliftings, etc. It also has helped with the recovery of stolen property, stolen firearms and in finding criminals who are evading arrest by tracking their activities. This has repeatedly proven to be an invaluable investigative tool.

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The Faro Laser Scanner would allow crime scene analysts and traffic homicide investigators to capture crime scenes and traffic crash scenes in 3D. It provides an exact record of an entire scene at the touch of a button and permits the site or street to be returned to normal usage within a relatively short time frame, thereby reducing manpower hours spent at a scene.

With 3D documentation replacing crime scene sketches, a crime scene or traffic crash scene can be visited multiple times to verify witness testimonies or as otherwise needed during the course of an investigation. Crime scene analysts can analyze such things as line of sight, blood spatter and bullet trajectories to complement other techniques.

The Faro Laser Scanner also could be used to create 3D maps of specific buildings so that the layout information would be available to assist responding personnel during a critical incident response.

FUNDING REQUEST:

The total funds requested by the Pensacola Police Department are \$72,000.