

Scope of Services/Project Narrative Justice Assistance Grant

PROBLEMS FOR INTERVENTION

The 99th Judicial Drug Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional law enforcement entity that serves approximately 378,724 people throughout Scollon, Brinkman, French, Morton, and Pitt counties in the State of Tennessee.

Recognizing that drug distribution activities spread over large regions – ignoring the artificial boundaries of individual jurisdictions – law enforcement and prosecutors in the 99th judicial district of Tennessee have constructed a task force in order to meld the talents of individual agencies into an effective whole.

The task force operates under the supervision of the District Attorney General’s Office and is managed by a board made up of representatives from its member law enforcement agencies which provide additional support through the donation of funds, manpower, or equipment on an annual basis.

The 99th task force contains the following agencies: Scollon County Sheriff’s Office, Brinkman County Sheriff’s Office, French County Sheriff’s Office, City of Frenchville Police Department, Morton County Sheriff’s Office, Pitt County Sheriff’s Office.

In April of 2014 the 99th Judicial District’s sole narcotic detection dog, Gunner, was severely injured as the result of being struck by a vehicle while operating on Highway 77 in Scollon County. As a three year-old shepherd, Gunner’s expected term of service to the agency was approximately eight years.

The attending veterinarian, Dr. Moran, has indicated that the spinal injury which Gunner suffered as the result of the accident renders him unfit for continued service. As a portion of DTF interdiction and education relies upon a K9 unit, the loss of a serviceable K9 equates to a loss of operational efficiency.

PURPOSE

Needs

The task force operates on approximately \$150,000 per year. The 99th possesses \$203,500 in available funds.

The 99th Judicial Drug Task Force is seeking a total of \$35,000 for a K9 unit and training.

Goals

1. Eliminate the availability of illegal drugs by seizing illicit stores of narcotics and dismantling clandestine production facilities.
2. Foster good-relations with the public through the use of community meetings in order to educate citizens and raise public awareness of potential criminal activities that might be occurring in the area so-as to encourage the reporting of criminal activity which may then be investigated.

The purchased K9 will primarily operate with the 99th DTF as a drug detection dog whose role is to locate stores of illicit narcotics in vehicles and structures. Its secondary role is as an educational tool by providing demonstrations to the public during education and training events that the DTF takes part in.

INPUTS

The 99th DTF is currently comprised of one director, an assistant director, six full time agents, three part time agents, and one administrative assistant.

The Board of Directors acts as a governing body for the 99th Task Force and is comprised of the Sheriffs of Scollon, Brinkman, Morton, French, and Pitt counties along with the Chief of Police in Frenchville. This body meets monthly along with the District Attorney General, the DTF Director, and Administrative Assistant in order to receive regular updates on task force activity, review financial information, share information, and provide guidance on task force operations.

The following departments are represented on the Board of Directors and contribute the following annually:

Scollon County Sheriff's Office:	\$20,000, 2 fulltime agents and 2 vehicles.
Brinkman County Sheriff's Office :	\$15,000, 1 fulltime agents and 1 vehicle.
Morton County Sheriff's Office:	\$10,000, 1 fulltime agent and 1 vehicle.
French County Sheriff's Office:	\$10,000, 1 fulltime agent and 1 vehicle.
Pitt County Sheriff's Office:	\$5,000, 1 fulltime agent and 1 vehicle.
Frenchville Police Department:	\$1,500

The following law enforcement departments are within the 99th judicial district but do not provide any funding, personnel, or equipment to the Task Force. Their administration may attend board meetings but do not have a vote in the proceedings.

City of Scollon Police Department
City of Brinkman Police Department
Township of Morton Police Department

ACTIVITIES

General DTF activities include:

The 99th Judicial Drug and Violent Crime Task Force engage in multi-jurisdictional operations across the entire judicial district. Typical operations include undercover drug buys, covert surveillance, wire taps, and any other investigatory methods thought of as necessary to prosecute and deter crime across the area.

Cases are initiated either as the result of information which comes from law enforcement agents in the area, from citizen complaints, or from information supplied by informants. While some misdemeanor charges are inevitably the result of criminal investigations the focus of the task force are on felony-level offenders. As such, matters which seem routine or do not rise to the level of felony activity are disseminated downward to local law enforcement agencies.

Specific grant activities include:

The 99th DTF will utilize the company “Nashville K-9” to select and purchase a viable drug detection dog. The dog selected will be trained in the following areas by Nashville K-9 personnel:

- Dog obedience and practical agility
- Handler protection
- Building search
- Area rescue
- Scent discrimination training
- Evidence search
- Narcotics/Drug detection
- Criminal Apprehension
- Search and Rescue

The selected K9 will be paired with agent Dale Whitman who is certified as a Level II trainer by United States Canine Association. Both the selected K9 and agent Whitman will undergo whatever additional joint training is necessary to establish both trainer and K9 as an effective team.

INTENDED OUTPUTS (Products)

The primary output of this project is the dates of purchase, training, and implementation of the K9.

Timeline for Purchase is as follows:

Grant Period: October 1st 2014 to June 30th 2015.

This funding period will contain \$28,000 for K9 purchase and initial training.

February 30th, 2015: Police K9 will be selected and purchased from Nashville K-9.

April 30th, 2015: Police K9 will have completed training courses such that it can operate in the areas described under “activities”.

June 30th, 2015: Police K9 will have begun regular operations as part of the 99th DTF with any additional training for K9 or handler.

Grant Period: July 1st 2015 to June 30th 2016.

This funding period will contain \$7,000 for any additional training which is identified as necessary for either dog or handler.

August 1st, 2015: Additional training will be identified and relevant courses located and scheduled.

June 30th 2015: All identified training will be completed.

INTENDED OUTCOMES (Results)

1. Disrupt and Dismantle Organized Crime.

The K9's role in drug detection will aid the 99th DTF in locating illicit narcotics which will include stores that are a part of organized criminal activity. By locating these stores the K9 will help to disrupt, and in some cases dismantle, organized criminal activity.

DATA COLLECTION

Agent Dale Whitman will work with the director of the 99th DTF in order to select a suitable K9 candidate. The dog's paperwork and certifications will be recorded in K9 file as well as grant file by 99th DTF office manager Francine. Any training that is scheduled shall be recorded and certificates of completion will also be on file.

Francine will record all documentation which supports the purchase of the animal including quotes, purchase orders, invoices, or records of payment.

In order to comply with PMT/OCJP reporting standards the 99th Task Force will assure that the following data is recorded through its data collection procedures which are reported quarterly and on the annual report.

- Number of investigations initiated.
- Number of investigations that are drug related.

- Number of cases closed.
- Number of individuals arrested based on task force activity.
- Number of individuals arrested on a misdemeanor charge.
- Number of misdemeanor arrests that were drug related.
- Number of individuals arrested on a felony charge.
- Number of felony arrests that were drug related.
- Number of *gang members only* arrested.
- Number of firearms seized.
- Number of seized firearm serial numbers that were put into the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN).
- Number of seized firearms traced through the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.
- Number of **Federal forfeiture cases** filed.
- The value of assets seized (in dollars) under federal cases.
- Value of seized assets in federal cases that were drug related.
- Number of **State forfeiture cases** filed.
- The value of assets seized (in dollars) under state cases.
- Value of seized assets in state cases that were drug related.
- Number of gangs disrupted.
- Number of gangs dismantled.
- Number of drug-trafficking and money-laundering organizations disrupted.
- Number of drug-trafficking and money-laundering organizations dismantled.
- Amount of Cocaine (crack) seized.

- Amount of Cocaine (powder) seized.
- Amount of Ecstasy (MDMA) seized.
- Amount of Heroin seized.
- Amount of Marijuana (commercial grade, hydroponic, synthetic/spice) seized.
- Amount of Methamphetamine seized.
- Amount of Methamphetamine (ice) seized.
- Amount of Pseudoephedrine seized.
- Amount of Psilocybin seized.
- Amount of Prescription Pills seized.
- Amount of Salvia seized.
- Amount of Steroids seized.
- Amount of “other” seized
 - If other, please specify
- Amount of Cocaine (crack) seized from clandestine labs.
- Amount of Cocaine (powder) seized from clandestine labs.
- Amount of Ecstasy (MDMA) seized from clandestine labs.
- Amount of Heroin seized from clandestine labs.
- Amount of Marijuana (commercial grade, hydroponic, synthetic/spice) seized from clandestine labs.
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- Amount of Prescription Pills seized from clandestine labs.
- Amount of Salvia seized from clandestine labs.
- Amount of Steroids seized from clandestine labs.
- Amount of “other” seized from clandestine labs
 - If other, please specify
- The numbers of Marijuana grow sites destroyed.
- The number of drug labs shut down.
- The number of drug processing locations shut down.
- Number of community meetings held during the reporting period.
- Number of community meetings that were drug or related.