

APPLICATION FOR

		2. DATE SUBMITTED 07/13/2009	APPLICATION IDENTIFIER
1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION Application Non-Construction	3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE		STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER
	4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY		FEDERAL IDENTIFIER
5. APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Legal Name City of Stafford		Organizational Unit Stafford Police Department	
Address (city, state, and zip code) 2702 South main Stafford, Texas 77477-5528		Name and telephone number of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application Jennifer Taylor (281) 261-3993	
6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) 74-6026239		7. TYPE OF APPLICANT Municipal	
8. TYPE OF APPLICATION New		9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY Bureau of Justice Assistance	
10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE Number: 16.738 CFDA Title: EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM		11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT License Plate Recognition Camera	
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT Stafford and surrounding cities and Fort Bend County			
13. PROPOSED PROJECT		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT(S) OF	
Start Date: 10/01/2008	Ending Date: 09/30/2012	a. Applicant TX22	b. Project TX22
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING		16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?	
a. Federal	\$11,278	This preapplication/application was made available to the state executive order 12372 process for review on 07/09/2009	
b. Applicant	\$0		
c. State	\$0		
d. Local	\$0		
e. Other	\$0		
f. Program Income	\$0		
g. Total	\$11,278	17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT? N	
18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED.			
a. Typed Name of Authorized Representative Jennifer Taylor		b. Title Emergency Management Coordinator	c. Telephone number (281) 261-3993
d. Signature of Authorized Representative		e. Date Signed	

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Edward Byrne Memorial JAG 7-9-09
Attachment 1
Program Narrative
City of Stafford
Stafford Police Department

Project Title: LPR – License Plate Recognition Camera

Program Objectives:

Implementing a license plate recognition camera. One marked Police Vehicle will be equipped with the license plate recognition camera, with each Officer trained specifically in its use and operation. The equipment is to be utilized to document and recognize license plates with any negative history. The City of Stafford will work in conjunction with surrounding cities that also have this technology to apprehend known criminals.

Organization capabilities and competencies:

Separate revenue and expense accounts will be established to record all grant revenues and expenditures. All grant activity will be monitored and documented by the department Grant Manager, who has six years experience in working with federal grants. Documentation of all expenses will be maintained with grant documents. The accounting department will also oversee the expenditures of funds and review the performance reports. Annual audits are conducted by outside auditors to assure that the City's financial policies and recordkeeping are in compliance with applicable laws.

Activities:

All of these funds will be expended in the first year of the grant to purchase one license plate recognition camera that will be mounted on one police vehicle. The program will be continued throughout the grant period and beyond.

The equipment will be ordered as soon as the grant is approved, providing economic benefits to the supplier of the equipment.

Timeline:

Upon award of grant, it is anticipated that the equipment will be received and installed within 180 days. First measurable results should be available 180 days after installation. This grant will provide a one-time purchase.

City of Stafford
Budget Work Sheet / Budget Narrative
July 9th, 2009
Attachment #2

The City of Stafford has plans to purchase one Automatic License Plate Recognition Camera system that will be mounted inside a Stafford Police vehicle. The grant money will cover equipment, software, licensing and installation. This grant application does not require a match so the additional funds were not added in below. The funds below are requested through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant FY 2009 Local Solicitation.

This equipment will be a one-time purchase and mounted permanently in the police vehicle.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Computation</u>	<u>Cost</u>
SYS ALPR	1 @ \$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
	Software and Licensing	\$3,550.00
	Total	\$10,050.00

This grant will go into a special revenue fund that pertains to this grant only.

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

7-9-09

**Attachment 3
Review Narrative**

The JAG application was made available for review by the City of Stafford - City Council on June 10th, 2009.

A public hearing was held in conjunction with the city council meeting that began at 7:30PM in city hall Wednesday, June 10th, 2009. Our agenda was posted 72 hours in advance at City Hall and on the Cities website. The meeting was televised live on public TV.

Copies of the public hearing and the City Council agenda for June 10th, 2009 are included in the grant attachments.

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2009**

The Stafford City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, June 10, 2009, in Council Chambers at Stafford City Hall with the following in attendance:

City Council:

Leonard Scarcella, Mayor
Wen Guerra, Councilman
Ken Mathew, Councilman
Felecia Evans-Smith, Councilwoman
Robert Sorbet, Councilman
Cecil Willis, Councilman

Absent:

Jeff Smith, Councilman

City Staff:

Bonnie Baiamonte, City Secretary
Lawrence Vaccaro, Public Works Director
Art Pertile, City Attorney
Gene Bane, Zoning Administrator
Larry DiCamillo, Fire Chief
Susan Ricks, Contract Adm.-Stafford Centre
Karen Austin, Finance Director

1. Call meeting to order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Scarcella called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.(a) Presentation by Marta Greytok and discussion on legislative matters including sales tax, school finance bills and other pertinent legislation.

Mayor Scarcella welcomed Ms. Greytok who has been the City's lobbyist in this legislative session and has worked exceedingly hard on behalf of the City. She did a truly outstanding job in advancing the City's position. Ms. Greytok gave a presentation on legislative matters. With regard to the legislation the City was pursuing, she feels the bill that finally passed was somewhere between what Mr. Pertile predicted the City could get passed and the ambition of the Mayor and herself. The issues became extremely volatile and a number of cities had legislators pick up on and file bills for them. Ms. Greytok said there was two different forks in this adventure – one was allocation of sales tax and the other was reallocation of sales tax. In some instances cities had the "Room Store" issue where the monies from the sales tax had been going to the city where the warehouse existed. Since there are many warehouse complexes in Stafford, the City was very concerned with that bill. The City was also concerned with reallocation of sales tax which had happened to Stafford and a number of cities across the state. It had to do with sales tax that had been collected from a business entity and then the Comptroller years later said the money had to go back to the company and the cities must cough up all those monies, revenues and interest, for a specified number of years. That hit Stafford really hard and it hit some other cities even harder. Ms. Greytok visited with some of the legislators including Rep. Senfronia Thompson and Rep. Charlie Howard who had received letters saying there is nothing wrong with the way sales tax was being handled from the Comptroller's office. It was a very short statement that indicated the Comptroller had no interest in these issues and bringing them up in the legislative session. The legislators ignored the edict and bills were filed.

Ms. Greytok over some of the bills that were filed. Stafford's bill finally ended up getting put in with Sen. Kel Seliger's bill. There were multiple ways and means hearings with the Mayor testifying before both the House and Senate. He made some very good points on allocation and reallocation. Sen. Bob Deuell had a bill, SB 1202, which pretty much reflected what the

City wanted and she discussed with him how we could make the bill work for both him and the City. A amendment was added which Rep. Thompson accepted. Ms. Greytok felt we were home free at that point. There were some very large meetings with representatives of the cities and an agreement between the cities. Some cities didn't particularly like this and a certain city tried to kill the bill. She worked with Rep. Thompson to resuscitate the bill and it ended up on Sen. Seliger's bill which went through on the final day. She is watching this bill as she feels some may try to get it vetoed. She feels Stafford got most of what it needed but not all of what it wanted. Ms. Greytok also commented on the help and outstanding job that Rep. Thompson did for the City. Although Texas Municipal League was not one bit of help. She expressed gratitude to Rep. Thompson, Sen. Deuell, and Sen. Seliger for allowing Stafford to tag onto their legislation.

Mayor Scarcella emphasized the importance of Ms. Greytok's relationship with Rep. Thompson and without it probably nothing would have happened. The City of Stafford could have lost up to \$4 million a year had some of the initial legislation gone through. He made additional comments regarding the efforts made by the City, Ms. Greytok and Sen. Thompson. With regard to the proposed reallocation legislation, that conversation was brought into the meeting in which representatives of the Comptroller's office attended and they got the message. That proposed legislation basically said if there is a claim or reallocation a city can get the information on which the Comptroller made her decision and also be able to intervene appropriately in the process. Although that did not get passed, he hopes the Comptroller will put some procedures in affect that will assist in that effort. He feels this was a very challenging legislative session.

Ms. Greytok commented on the potential for a special session which she feels will be called before the end of June. Many have expressed appreciation to the Mayor for the comments and points he made which representatives of other cities realized were very helpful. The Mayor thanked Ms. Greytok again and said the City would keep close tabs on the Governor's signing of the bill and on the special session. Councilman Willis thanked Ms. Greytok and also thanked Mayor Scarcella, Councilman Mathew and former Councilman Rose for all their work on the legislative committee. Mayor Scarcella commented that it was truly a joint effort and recognized Mr. Pertile's role in the session and commended Ms. Austin.

2.(b) Consideration of appropriate action on Item 2(a).

No action was taken.

3.(a) Discussion of progress of Ad Hoc Committee pursuing zoning ordinance amendment on non-conforming site improvements in IS and PC Districts.

Normally the Ad Hoc Committee's meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month. Unfortunately the consultant is out of town and asked that this meeting be deferred until next Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

3.(b) Consideration of appropriate action on Item 3(a).

No action was taken.

4.(a) Discussion of matters pertaining to 4th of July Celebration.

Ms. Ricks reported on this item. The Committee met this week mainly to discuss changing the parade route. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to leave the parade route as approved by Council on May 20. The company who provided the rides last year will be used again. Their price has come down \$45.00 less than the other company and they will add four additional rides. The total cost for the ten rides, generator and staff is \$3,600.00. On July 3, the parade will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. The booths, carnival rides and hay wagon rides will start at 7:30 p.m. Presentation of the parade marshal and announcement of winners of the parade entries will begin as soon as the results are available. The Fort Bend Symphony will perform a patriotic concert at the Stafford Centre at 5:00 p.m. on July 4. A press release is forthcoming. Ms. Ricks discussed use of the field across from the Civic Centre for parking which will be dependent on the weather. The Mayor said that Ms. Ricks and Mr. Vaccaro have full authority to make whatever determination is necessary with regard to parking on the field.

4.(b) Consideration of appropriate action on Item 4(a).

No action was taken.

5.(a) Discussion of request by Chief of Police and Director of Emergency Services to expend funds approved from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$11,278 to purchase two license plate recognition systems.

Chief Krahn addressed this item. He has received notice from the Justice Department that the City has been approved for a federal grant for \$11,278.00. In order to expend these funds the grant must be discussed in a public meeting 30 days prior to the grant application. This is similar to the grant that came before Council in April which was approved to upgrade the existing in car video camera systems. Chief Krahn recommends the new grant funds be used to purchase additional equipment to be added to the in car video camera systems consisting of two license plate recognition systems from Coban for \$10,050.00. He explained that the license plate recognition system will assist officers in looking for stolen vehicles and will integrate with the in car video camera systems recently purchased. A discussion followed on how this system operates.

5.(b) Discussion of request by Chief of Police and Director of Emergency Services for approval to purchase items budgeted in the Capital Outlay consisting of two Opticom systems to be installed at Dulles Avenue/Country Club Drive and South Kirkwood/Sugar Grove Boulevard.

Chief DiCamillo addressed this item. He is requesting approval for the purchase and installation of two Opticom traffic preemption systems which will continue the City's ongoing project of having all intersections equipped with the Opticom system. In the current budget there is \$15,000.00 for the installation of these two Opticom systems. If approved, the intersections where the Opticom system will be installed are Dulles Avenue/Country Club Drive and South Kirkwood/Sugar Grove Boulevard. The total cost is \$12,462.00 (\$6,231.00 each) and the Opticom systems will be purchased and installed by Consolidated Traffic Controls who is the same vendor for previous Opticom purchases. Mr. Vaccaro said the

traffic signal at Dulles Avenue/Country Club Drive will probably be rebuilt this year with the Dulles Avenue road improvements. Also the traffic signal at the intersection of Staffordshire Road/Fifth Street will probably be rebuilt with the Stafford/Staffordshire Road improvements. Chief DiCamillo said the Opticom at Staffordshire Road/Fifth Street is scheduled for installation in the next fiscal year. Per the Mayor, it will be sometime in 2010 before the Country Club/Dulles Avenue intersection is improved. He would ask that a review and report come back to Council with details of what is involved in reworking that traffic signal upon completion of the road construction. If approved tonight, Chief DiCamillo said it would take approximately 30 days before the systems are installed and operational. More discussion followed. The point was made that Dulles Avenue improvements probably won't begin until mid 2010. Mr. Vaccaro said that traffic signals will be installed at two additional intersections in the City – Mula Road/Stafford Road and Fifth Street/Present Street. And traffic signals will be replaced at Staffordshire Road/Fifth Street and Dulles Avenue/Country Club Drive with the road improvements probably from a string wire to a mast arm. The City needs to make sure when those signals are replaced, the Opticom systems are reinstalled at that time.

5.(c) Consideration of appropriate action on Items 5(a) and 5(b).

Councilman Willis made a motion to approve the request per Chief Krahn's memo dated June 4, 2009, to purchase two license plate recognition systems from Coban for \$10,050.00. Councilman Mathew seconded the motion, and it carried 6 – 0. Councilman Sorbet made a motion to approve the request to purchase the two Opticom systems at the locations specified in Chief Krahn's memo dated June 1, 2009 from Consolidated Traffic Signals, Inc. for \$12,462.00. Councilman Guerra seconded the motion, and it carried 6 – 0.

6.(a) Discussion of a resolution of the City of Stafford, Texas, ratifying the designation of Jennifer Taylor as the City of Stafford's designee for the Edward Byrnes Recovery Act (JAG) Grant.

Mr. Pertile explained that the City received notice of an opportunity to apply for a grant from the Edward Byrnes Recovery Act (JAG) Grant. Ms. Taylor was applying for the grant and had to get the application off in a timely manner. But she didn't have the authority to bind the City. The Mayor had to send a letter authorizing Ms. Taylor as the signing authority to enter the City and Police Department into a legally binding agreement related to this grant application and management. This requires Council's approval so the resolution before Council is ratifying the designation of Jennifer Taylor as the City of Stafford's designee for the Edward Byrnes Recovery Act (JAG) grant. If Council does not approve this, Ms. Taylor will have to withdraw the grant application.

6.(b) Consideration of appropriate action on Item 6(a).

Councilman Guerra made a motion to approve the resolution as described in Item 6(a) as presented. Councilwoman Evans-Smith seconded the motion, and it carried 6 – 0.

7. Public Works Director's report and discussion of engineering matters including:

- (a) Progress of developments on the US 90A Improvement Project including concluding construction activities, current mobility situations, progress on proposed landscape enhancements with monument and addition of additional wall and landscaping at the TXI crossing;

Mr. Vaccaro gave an update on the US 90A Improvement Project. The contractor is finishing up the details and installing the signs. The majority of the work should be done within the next 30 to 45 days. The landscaping for Phase I is progressing. He has asked the landscapers, HLS, for a cost estimate to extend the landscaping for the area west of Kirkwood and Dulles to the City Limit Line which was not included in the contract. Sugar Land plans to begin their landscaping at their City Limits Line to Highway 6. Mr. Vaccaro has reviewed and made comments on the Phase II Landscape Plans. He would like for the large grassy areas to include irrigation. Those plans should be complete by the end of this month and ready to bid sometime in July. The frame of the monument for the east end of the Island is being revised for the letters to project down which shouldn't be too costly. He has discussed the streetlights to be installed on US 90A with TxDOT. TxDOT has agreed to pay for all the engineering, wiring, and cost of galvanized poles and installation of the poles. The City will furnish and pay for the upgrade of the poles and fixtures and all the cost for installing and furnishing the pedestrian lighting. TxDOT is proposing to budget their cost for this project in their next fiscal year budget which begins in October 2009 with installation after the first of the year 2010. TxDOT had tentatively agreed to design the fixtures and wiring for the pedestrian lighting but were not going to pay for any of the cost for the lighting. Mr. Vaccaro suggests the cost for the pedestrian lighting be broken out, the City hire an engineering firm to get a proposal to complete the design and have them installed by the City since they are completely out of TxDOT's realm and TxDOT is not going to pay for any of these lights. The estimated cost to design and install the pedestrian lights is \$200,000.00. There are 107 of those lights that will be in the median around the Island. More discussion followed. Mr. Vaccaro plans to address this at the next Stafford Economic Development Corporation meeting. Councilman Guerra questioned how much money the City will be spending after the completion of this project for items such as irrigation, electricity, maintenance of the irrigation system and maintenance of all the landscaping. In his view he doesn't want to take the current staff away from what they are doing to maintain this project. Mr. Vaccaro said he doesn't know how much the irrigation will cost because he doesn't know how much it is going to rain. Early on he told Council that this whole system could cost the City \$500,000 to \$750,000 a year to maintain and operate. He can get the numbers on the irrigation system. He feels the water bill will be from \$10,000 to \$20,000 a month to irrigate the Island. To contract the maintenance of the entire Island landscaping will probably cost \$20,000 a month. There will be other costs including electricity and maintenance of things such as the irrigation system. Mr. Vaccaro said it is his understanding that the SEDC will pay for the maintenance of the US 90 Project. Mr. Pertile and Ms. Austin both clarified that is correct that it is part of the SEDC project and the allocation of funds will come out of the SEDC budget. The Mayor remarked that Mr. Vaccaro has said for some time how much it is going to cost to maintain this project. He feels if the City is going to spend \$5 million initially on the project and then \$500,000 a year at a minimum to maintain the Island, it is only right to require the property owners to do their part in making the Island look nice. Mayor Scarcella made additional comments regarding the US 90A project being an appropriate SEDC project including representations by the City and approval from the Attorney General that this would be an economic development project in order to justify the expenditure of SEDC funds.

- (b) Stafford/Staffordshire Road project including progress of right-of-way acquisition and appraisals, and funding arrangements with TxDOT, Fort Bend County, and Harris County and status with federal stimulus package administered through H-GAC;

Mr. Vaccaro reported that the Stafford/Staffordshire Road project is moving forward. Eminent Domain proceedings on some of the parcels have been filed with the Fort Bend County Court and the Commissioners have been appointed for the first hearing. He is waiting on the date for the hearing. It is estimated that it will take 90 days to complete the acquisition of most of the properties. TxDOT is concerned about the City acquiring all of the properties and he has assured TxDOT that there shouldn't be a problem. The Interlocal Agreement on this project has been approved by both the City and Fort Bend County. The Interlocal Agreement between Harris County and the City has been approved by Council and sent to Harris County for approval. On June 26th AECOM will be submitting 50% of the construction plans to TxDOT for review. The plans should be 100% complete on October 1. A Progress Meeting was held on May 19 and another is scheduled for June 9. There are no major drainage problems foreseen although additional outfall may be needed on Stafford Road. The next big step is working with the utility companies. Currently the Water District is designing its lines. Mr. Vaccaro will come back to Council with additional information on the streetlights so a determination can be made on how that will be handled.

In response to a question from Councilman Willis, Mr. Vaccaro said there are 12 to 15 parcels which the City did not acquire from Fifth Street to Beltway 8. There are four parcels he hopes the City can still come to a settlement on. There are 10 to 12 that he knows the City will have to go to eminent domain on. Five are because the property owner doesn't want to negotiate. Six are because of problems with title policies so the City has to go to condemnation to get the title cleared up. More discussion followed regarding drainage capacity and storm sewers on the project. Mayor Scarcella noted comments made by Commissioner Ned Homes regarding the special legislative session and possible affects it might have on TxDOT and ramifications on the Stafford/Staffordshire Road project.

- (c) Progress of development of US 59 Enhancement Project including landscape plantings and progress of monuments installation;

Mr. Vaccaro said that he hopes to have the final construction plans ready to bid in July. The project has been submitted to TxDOT for their approval.

- (d) Status of Fort Bend County Mobility Projects including Brand Lane, Dulles Avenue and Kirkwood Boulevard improvement projects including timing of funding from Fort Bend County;

Mr. Vaccaro has a meeting tomorrow with the Brand Lane engineer, Epi Salazar. Right now Brand Lane is recommended to be a four lane street without a median. The design and survey work has been done and he is not aware of any right of way the City will have to purchase at this time. The design process has started on Dulles Avenue. Once Sugar Land has 30% completion of the drawings, which should be around the end of July, they will discuss an interlocal agreement with Stafford. There is no additional information on Kirkwood

Boulevard. Funding for the City's share for both Brand Lane and Dulles Avenue should be needed in the next fiscal year. Councilman Willis said it was Stafford's desire not to have both construction projects going on at the same time. Mr. Vaccaro said he has discussed this with representatives of Sugar Land and Fort Bend County and expressed the City's concern. Mayor Scarcella suggested, depending on the timing, that this be addressed in the Interlocal Agreement with Sugar Land.

- (e) Local street and drainage improvements and speed limits on streets; and

Mr. Vaccaro is waiting on the Interlocal Agreement with the County for the asphalt work on Pike Road and Jebbia Lane. He has received an estimate in the range of \$100,000 to do this work and there is \$100,000 reserved in the street improvement fund capital projects for local streets. Councilman Willis commented that the City shares Pike Road with Missouri City and shares Jebbia Lane with Harris County. He asked if there had been any conversations with the other entities. Mr. Vaccaro said the construction is scheduled to stop at the City Limits Line but he will talk to the other entities.

- (f) Consideration of appropriate action on Items 7(a) - 7(e).

No action was taken.

8. Consent Agenda (any item tagged will be considered at the next Regular City Council Meeting; any item approved will include payment of expenses).
 (a) Request by Director of Emergency Services and Chief of Police for certain Police and Fire Department personnel to attend training as specified in memo dated June 2, 2009.
 (b) Approval of businesses to receive the Beautification Award.

Councilman Willis made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Councilwoman Evans-Smith seconded the motion, and it carried 6 – 0.

9. Consideration of the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 13, 2009.

Councilman Willis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 13, 2009, as presented. Councilman Sorbet seconded the motion, and it carried 6 – 0.

10. The City Council may go into Executive Session to discuss any item on the agenda as authorized by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. To hold an executive session as authorized by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (1) pending or contemplated litigation; Sec. 551.071 (2) consultation with attorney on appropriate matters on items on agenda and matters that fall within the attorney-client privilege/relationship; 551.074, the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of an officer or employee; 551.072, the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property including the Stafford/Staffordshire Roads Project; Sec. 551.076, deliberation regarding security personnel and devices; and Sec. 551.078 (2) to discuss the offer of a financial or

other incentive to a business prospect that the City seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City of Stafford.

Council deemed it unnecessary to go into executive session.

11. Consideration of appropriate action on matters discussed in executive session.

No action was taken.

12. Adjournment.

Councilman Guerra made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Sorbet seconded the motion, and it carried 6 – 0. The meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Bonnie Baiamonte, City Secretary

APPROVED:

LEONARD SCARCELLA, MAYOR

Edward Byrne Memorial (JAG) 7-9-09 Attachment# 4

Abstract

City of Stafford -Stafford Police Department

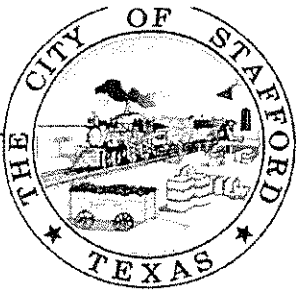
Project Title: License Plate Recognition Camera

Goals, Strategies and Coordination

The utilization of License Plate Recognition Cameras is anticipated to accomplish many goals. The equipment would enable an Officer to scan and process a very large amount of data passively in a much more efficient manner than filtering through the information manually. Through the filtering of this data, specifically license plates, we anticipate an increase in arrests and/or clearances on many different varieties of criminal activity, to include such acts as Stolen Vehicles, Burglary of Motor Vehicles, Criminal Mischief, Robberies as well as any other criminal offense involving a license plate that has been recorded. This piece of information, which can very seldom be provided by a victim in a state of distress, is expected to prove instrumental in following up on incidents, as well as proactively finding warrants and other criminal information that can be attached to license plate data.

Strategies for utilization of the License Plate Recognition camera would be diverse; to keep any fixed operation from being compromised through familiarity. Areas of high burglary, robbery and other acts of criminal conduct would be random and recurring targets of utilization, with specific covert uses to deter criminal activity. Rotating use through these areas, as well as constant and recurring utilization of the equipment in hotel and motel parking lots, which are often havens for criminal activity, is expected to yield valuable information as well as a marked increase in the recovery of stolen vehicles and the execution of outstanding warrants.

This equipment would also be vital in targeting areas of travel when any official or unofficial "Amber" or "Silver" Alert has been issued, to maintain a constant level of vigilance to enhance the probability of safely and quickly locating and recovering missing juveniles and seniors. It is expected that the increase in enforcement and follow up will be distinctive, with both analysis and tracking measures implemented to document the successful utilization of this equipment. Further, coordination with surrounding agencies, which are anticipated to also have the use of this equipment, is expected to increase the regional database of information available, and provide a large ripple effect of deterrence among our collective areas of jurisdiction.



City of Stafford

2610 South Main

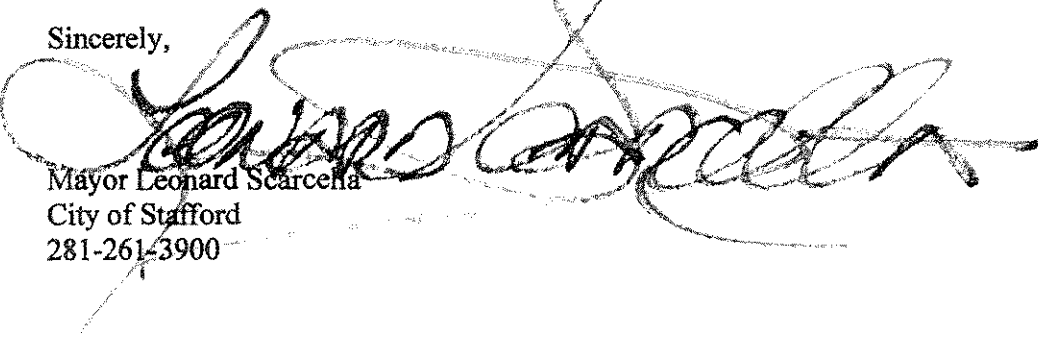
Stafford, Texas 77477

June 3, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

Jennifer Taylor, Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Stafford, has the signing authority to enter the City of Stafford and Stafford Police Department into a legally binding agreement. Jennifer is my designee for signing as they relate to this process. She is responsible for grant applications and management, to include this grant process with Recovery Act JAG Local Solicitation.

Sincerely,



Mayor Leonard Scarceha
City of Stafford
281-261-3900

City of Stafford

Office Number (281) 261-3900

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This grant application does not require a match so the additional funds were not added in below. The funds below are requested through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant FY 2009 Local Solicitation.