

Kalamazoo Area JAG 2016

Program Narrative

Background

Since receiving the first Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in 1996, the Kalamazoo law enforcement agencies and the criminal justice system have learned the importance of inter-governmental cooperation. The City of Kalamazoo and the County of Kalamazoo desire to continue building on lessons learned and will work together to use the 2016 JAG joint award of \$78,332 for law enforcement technology, equipment and training to better provide law enforcement services to the citizens of Kalamazoo County.

Project

The 2016 JAG Grant funds will be used to purchase equipment and improve technologies to increase officer effectiveness and safety. Kalamazoo Public Safety will provide law enforcement education and training for 11 new employees to become law enforcement certified in the State of Michigan. Kalamazoo County will purchase; a high volume scanner to enhance efficiencies in the Kalamazoo County Jail, pepper ball guns and a radar unit. The City of Kalamazoo will utilize \$63,419 and the County of Kalamazoo will utilize \$14,913 of the joint funds.

Conclusion

The two agencies have agreed to utilize the 2016 JAG funds to enhance the protection of citizens and law enforcement officers in Kalamazoo County by purchasing equipment/technology and training personnel, supporting the mission of the street officers.