

Stafford County Sheriff's Office JAG Grant Proposal FY2025-Project Narrative

Applicant Jurisdictional Background:

The Stafford County Sheriff's Office is a full-service local law enforcement agency providing service to approximately 168,000 residents and thousands of annual visitors to Stafford County, Virginia. The Department provides service through 351 dedicated employees, 257 being sworn deputy sheriffs. The Department conducts multiple activities to prevent crimes, engages in community policing efforts and activities, and strives for close, positive relationships with community members and organizations. The Department answers over 150,000 calls for service from the community annually.

Program Overview:

The Stafford County Sheriff's Office maintains an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) team to ensure law enforcement service in areas of the County that cannot be reached with traditional law enforcement vehicles. The ATV team deploys over three dozen times a year to assist with lifesaving search and rescue operations throughout the county allowing otherwise difficult terrain to be transversed more rapidly than using traditional methods on foot. During large public events, such as the 4th of July fireworks show which draws thousands of people to areas within and surrounding the County's riverfront, and various road races that occur throughout the county, traditional vehicle-based response to an active violence event or other emergencies would be difficult or impossible. In these situations, the ATV team covers that gap allowing rapid deployment to address any potential situation due to their ability to maneuver through large pedestrian crowds and down paths and trails inaccessible to traditional vehicles. The ATV team is also used to address crime trends throughout the county. These have included patrols to address trespassing individuals riding their own ATVs damaging other people's property. More significantly, the ATV Team deploys regularly throughout the summer to address significant problems along the Rappahannock River pertaining to parking, alcohol use and the disturbances resulting from its use, and drownings that occur regularly along the water. The Rappahannock River has limited vehicle access that makes foot patrols difficult. The ATV team has been able to successfully access much of the river to proactively address these issues to limit disturbances and rapidly respond to emergencies when they occur.

The ATV team currently operates three all-terrain vehicles: a 2-wheel drive Honda recon, suitable only for logistics support over good terrain, a 4-wheel drive Polaris 900 side by side which can handle some difficult terrain, and a Polaris Trail 4-wheel drive ATV capable of handling the most difficult terrain. All of these systems are aging. The addition of the requested 2026 Honda Ranger ATV would allow for appropriate spacing of the fleet with regards to a replacement cycle. More importantly, its addition would allow for a second deputy to accompany the rider of the Polaris Trail 4WD into the county's most difficult terrain enhancing officer safety and ensuring rapid backup when encountering dangerous individuals. In addition,

during search and rescue operations it would double the capacity of the team to cover the county's most difficult ground.

The cost of the Honda Ranger ATV is \$8,700.00

The Stafford County Sheriff's Office responded to 1,645 disable vehicle calls for service last year, with a large percentage requiring jump starts. Currently, deputies drive to the Sheriff's Office to retrieve a jump box, which significantly reduces response times. Equipping each member of the Traffic Safety and Volunteer Unit with a Boost Jump Pack would enable for faster on-scene assistance while protecting the sheriff's office vehicle and its electronics from potential damage.

These jump packs are compact, portable, and have the ability to power crashed vehicles to extract critical data from airbag control modules as well as be a power source for charging flashlights, camera batteries, and other electronics.

The cost of 15 Boost Jump Starter Packs is \$2,999.25.

The Stafford County Sheriff's Office continues to find itself confronted by an evolving threat landscape which often necessitates operations occur during hours of darkness. These threats include traditional armed and/or dangerous criminals who barricade, flee, or otherwise violently resist capture to individuals intent on committing acts of mass violence at parades, political gatherings, and other public events. The Stafford Sheriff's Office's Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team is called upon to address the most dangerous of these situations, as they occur, regardless of time.

While equipped with some night vision equipment, the addition of a Knights Armament Universal Night Sight and accompanying B.E. Meyers KIJJ IR Illuminator would increase capability. Beyond sniper operations, the use of modern IR aiming devices allow for visual signaling between team personnel to deconflict fire, ensure appropriate coverage of potential hazard areas, and engage targets while operating under night vision—all of which enhance officer safety, the safety of the public, and the chance of mission success. The visible laser also allows for communication and signaling as well as the rapid target acquisitions during lifesaving operations. The Sheriff's Office is seeking to begin developing this capability with the addition of 3 Wilcox RAID Xe IR/Laser aiming devices.

The cost of the Knights Armament Universal Night Sight is \$14,000.00

The cost of the B.E. Meyers KIJJ IR Illuminator Device is \$800.00

The cost of 3 Wilcox RAID Xe IR/Laser Aiming Devices is \$10,200.00

Total cost of all projects = \$36,699.25

Program Goals and Objectives (2026 Honda Ranger ATV):

1. Obtain 2026 Honda Ranger ATV to ensure appropriate response to search and rescue operations, appropriate patrol and emergency response at public events, and to respond to county crime trends occurring in difficult to access areas.

Implementation Schedule

| <u>Month (Post Award)</u> | <u>Action</u> |
|---------------------------|---|
| I | Secure final purchase authorization and cost |
| II | Order product |
| III | Receive product and complete any aftermarket modifications required |
| IV | Utilize new product |

Program Goals and Objectives (Boost Jump Starter Packs):

2. Obtain Boost Jump Starter Packs and assign to Traffic Safety Deputies so they can assist disabled motorists in a timely manner.

| <u>Month (Post Award)</u> | <u>Action</u> |
|---------------------------|---|
| I | Secure final purchase authorization and cost |
| II | Order product |
| III | Receive product |
| IV | Conduct appropriate training as required prior to utilization |
| V | Utilize new product |

Program Goals and Objectives (Knights Armament Universal Night Sight, B.E. Meyers KIJl IR Illuminator Device, 3 Wilcox RAID Xe IR/Laser Aiming Devices):

3. Obtain a Knights Armament Universal Night Sight, B.E. Meyers KIJl IR Illuminator Device, and 3 Wilcox RAID Xe IR/Laser Aiming Devices to enhance the SWAT Teams night operation capability during traditional law enforcement operations and while providing security during large public events.

| <u>Month (Post Award)</u> | <u>Action</u> |
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| I | Secure final purchase authorization and cost |
| II | Order product |
| III | Receive product |
| IV | Conduct appropriate training as required prior to utilization |
| V | Utilize new product |

Metrics:

Appropriate data for each of the goals will be documented during the grant period. This information will include, but not be limited to, cost, brand of product, model number of product and location of deployment through serial numbers on each item. Collection of that data will be through existing systems in purchasing, budget, finance, and personnel in the agency. The program manager will verify data collection during the grant period.

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