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Law Enforcement Technology Program Survey

Agency Name:: Gainesville Police Department

Technology Program Name: Mobile Computer Project

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Total Sworn : 295

Total Civilian: 70

Agency Type: Municipal

Technology Program Status: Department Wide Permanent Program

How is data transmitted from the field to the station: Wireless

Funding Description

Federal Block Grants, COPs MORE Grant, Federal Forfeiture funds, City Bond, City Budget.

Hardware Manufacturers

Laptops - 275 Panasonic CF-72's, 20 Panasonic CF-73's and 1 Panasonic CF-34 (for Helicopter). Sierra Wireless external Modems, Mag Stripe readers, D&R Laptop Stands.

Software Manufacturers

Sunguard OSSI - Records Management, Mobile Field Reporting, Mobile Communication Terminal. Sunguard HTE is an older CAD used by most of the County at this time.

Program Narrative

On January 20th 2004, the Gainesville Police Department implemented Sunguard OSSI's Records Management System. Between February 2004 and June 24th 2004, we trained! every department member in the use of the new RMS, Mobile Field Reporting and Mobile Communication Terminal. In 2003 we wrote over 23,000 reports by hand. As of June 24th, 2005 GPD no longer accepts any hand written reports. The new system handles, Incidents, Florida Crash reports, Field Interviews, Supplements, Arrest Forms, Case Management, Property and Evidence, etc. All of the reports are transmitted wirelessly via T-Mobile, which is encrypted by Netmotion software. Netmotion also keeps the officers from having to constantly log into the network when the coverage or wireless signal is lost, the software hold the session until the signal is regained. Netmotion also allows us to switch between T-Mobile, a LAN connection, 802.11 or any other connection without having to log on and off the system. We believe we have developed a very good combination of systems, software and hardware.

Additional Concerns

These programs take a large amount of money to create. Thus far the Gainesville Police Department has spent or encumbered over 2.5 million dollars for this project. We have spent almost a million dollars on laptops, another million on software and the remainder of the funds went for related software and hardware. Our biggest problem is that we do not share data with any of the other agencies in our county. We are dispatched by the County and because of that we will spend over 200,000 this year to build interfaces between our new SQL databases and other systems in the County. At the current time, we cannot dispatch officers wirelessly, however, OSSI is building this interface with the HTE CAD (both OSSI and HTE are owned by

Sunguard). We will spend over 200,000.00 for interfaces to various systems and we still will not be able to share data effectively or efficiently with other public safety agencies in our county. Instead of doing these projects as an individual agency, we could have saved tax payers considerable amounts of money and created a much better system if we would have purchased 1 system for all the law enforcement agencies in our county