

\*\*\*\*\*

**Agency Name:** Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Colorado  
**Technology Program Name:** High Tech Crime Unit/Colorado Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory  
**Competitive Category:** Response to Computer Related Crime:  
**Agency Size:** Large  
**Contact Name:** Captain Holly Nicholson-Kluth  
**Address:** 4000 Justice Way  
**City:** Castle Rock, CO 80109  
**Telephone Number:** 303-784-7803  
**Fax Number:** 303-790-4124  
**Email Address:** [hkluth@douglas.co.us](mailto:hkluth@douglas.co.us)  
**Home Page Address:** <http://www.dcsheriff.net>

**Executive Summary:**

**Program Narrative:**

In 1999 the Douglas County Sheriff's Office began its response to High Tech Crime. The Sheriff's Office was one of the first in the State to begin conducting On-Line proactive investigations into child pornography and solicitation. In the year 2000 the DCSO formalized its High Tech Crime Unit after receiving an Internet Crimes Against Children Grant for equipment and overtime, it dedicated one full time and one part time investigator to on-line crimes against children and proactive investigations and education. In addition it became a leader in support and training of other agencies in High Tech Crime issues to include Fraud and Internet Crime.

In 2001, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office initiated and helped fund one of the Nation's first multi-jurisdictional Forensic Computer Laboratories run by State and Local agencies. The Lab was housed and supported in the newly built Investigative Substation for the next 3 years. The DCSO dedicated a supervisor, investigator, and support personnel to this endeavor, and with a COPS technology grant and five other municipal, county, state, and judicial district's manpower, the CRCFL was able to continue to operate accepting over 350 Forensic Computer Exam cases from municipal, state, and federal agencies across Colorado. The region was recently chosen to receive federal funding for an RCFL. This RCFL, the Rocky Mountain Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory will open in 2005 and the CRCFL will merge into it.

Douglas County Sheriff continues through public education, investigation, and support of training, to lead local jurisdictions in the fight against computer crime, and is a resource for assistance, training, and education in High Tech Crime issues.