

Sexual Assault Task Force and Victim Services IGA

November 13, 2017



Background

- Victim Services IGA
- Began discussing in 2016
- Developed concept in November, 2016
- Applied for BJA SPI Grant in January, 2017
 - Letter of support from both Chiefs
 - Letter of support from YHOP
 - Letter of support and commitment of resources from 17th Judicial District Attorney Dave Young
- Both Agencies approved 2018 Budget
- Awarded Grant on October 2, 2017
 - \$700,000
 - 20% (\$140,000) must be dedicated to research



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SATF Justification

- Need for improved and consistent sexual assault investigations in both Brighton and Commerce City
- The current case load of sexual assaults are overwhelming the current resources
- We currently have a combined Victim Services and both agencies have implemented "You Have Options Program"
- Goal was to increase capacity to investigate all crimes and develop a specialized group to investigate sexual assaults and manage sex offenders.



Grant Proposal

- Create a combined task force that will investigate ALL sexual assaults and manage sex offender registry
- Have specially trained and focused investigators
- Commerce City Police Department will be the host agency for the task force
 - 1 Commander giving 20% of their time to overseeing the task force
 - 1 Brighton Police Department Sergeant
 - 2 Commerce City Detectives – Currently Staffed
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 - 1 Brighton/Commerce City SA Victim Advocate (fully grant funded- VAWA)
 - Assigned District Attorney
 - (grant is for \$ 700,000.00 (partially fund positions over 3 years)



Grant Proposal

- Improved investigation of sexual assaults through best practices
- Ensure trained investigators are immediately assigned to all sexual assault investigations
- Improved service to victims of sexual assault
- Ability to handle the increase in reported sexual assault as a result of implementing "You Have Options Program"
- Increase the capacity overall in the investigations units
- Develop and implement best practices in Sex Offender Registry oversight and compliance.



Off Site Location

- Neither agency have sufficient space to house this task force
- Currently negotiating with Adams County Government
- 124th and Sable
- Providing all furniture
- Victim interview room
- IT Infrastructure
- Full use of conference center



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Next Steps

- Finalize the IGA with Brighton
 - Draft of IGA included with this presentation
 - Request Council approval
- Finalize negotiation with Adams County to lease space
- Selection of personnel from both agencies
- Policy and Procedures for unit
- Complete contract with researcher



Questions?

