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Aftermath Training and Safety Contest

Greetings,

I am Christopher Mannino, Chief of Police of the Park Forest Police Department in south-suburban Chicago. Our police department prides itself on providing its personnel with up-to-date, relevant training to keep the community we serve safe, as well as to keep ourselves safe as we serve. Recently our entire department of 42 sworn officers partook in active shooter and trauma response training. While the 8-hour training block was a great introduction to responding to active and mass casualty events, it also made evident that our response to such a situation would be greatly improved with additional training, but more importantly if that training were combined with our 25-person fire department- a crucial component in the rescue task force concept. If awarded the training grant, it would be used to fund a combined police-fire active shooter/mass casualty training event and mock incident scenario that incorporates the roles of both agencies.

Unfortunately, our community is not spared the gun violence that is currently plaguing the greater Chicago region. As an example of the type of incidents we face, in March of 2016 Officer Tim Jones was critically wounded in the line-of-duty when he was shot multiple times while taking an armed offender in custody (2nd picture). That incident is never far from our minds, and highlights the need for our personnel to be able to provide emergency care, especially due to our community being some distance from a Level 1 trauma center. Personal protective equipment is a critical asset in both self-care and victim care, and being awarded such equipment would greatly aid in our ability to respond to those types of incidents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Chief Christopher B. Mannino



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