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**DCSAC – Outreach/new member orientation guide**

This document is to be used in the Douglas County Sheriff’s Advisory Council “Outreach to the Community” by providing more consistency in presentations at community organizations (i.e. Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Realtor’s Board, School Board, Community Church groups, etc.)

The audience is intended for business people, community members, and for orientation of interested new Advisory Council members regarding the Council’s mission.

Introduction-

The Douglas County Sheriff’s Advisory Council (DCSAC) is a non-profit 501 (c) 3) public service organization founded to raise funds to support the Douglas County Sheriff’s Department for supplying: **equipment, programs, education, and advances in technology** in enhancing the overall delivery of law enforcement in the County. The DCSAC consists volunteer business people and other professionals from the community dedicated to supporting the Sheriff’s Office. Since its inception, t**he Council has provided over one million dollars in funding to the Sheriff’s Office.**

Beneficial examples-

The DSCAC operates through donations that supported the Sherriff’s Department. The following are some examples::

**canine program training and replacement of the canines-** On-going funding but approximately over $250,000 spent to date:

an **infra-red camera** (FLIR) installed on the Sheriff’s Department Patrol Boat which enables officers to locate people in the water at night in Lake Tahoe (approximate $6,000);

**the robotic extraction equipment** used on the Sheriff’s Department Patrol Boat for body recovering or evidence collection from all depths at Lake Tahoe ($150,000);

**the initial purchase and installation of computers** in each of the Department patrol vehicles that provided deputies the ability to obtain information/warrants on traffic stops. (Note: these initially purchased computers are now included in the replacement of each patrol vehicle at time of purchase (approximate $250,000 spent);

the establishment of the **drone program used by search and rescue personnel to assist in finding lost individuals; by deputies to film a crime scene; search for suspects as the result of a crime; and to obtain an overhead view of ongoing incidents**. This funding provided FAA certified training for both search and rescue personnel and specific patrol deputies which included the required Federal government certification. (approximate $30,000);

the **virtual simulator used to train all deputies in shoot or don’t shoot situations and the use of the taser guns.** This equipment meets the required two taser training exercises per year required by the manufacture of the taser guns carried by all officers. This simulator has proven beneficial in reducing the liability to the County providing the necessary training for all deputies (approximate $175,000);

**technology equipment such as the** **elevated visual recording devices used at special events within the County** (approximate expenditure $80,000);

**specialized equipment used for surveillance, interviews, and during mult-agency investigations** **like the recent serial killer incident** (approximate expenditure $8,000);

**funding for the immediate needs** such as replacement guns used by deputies at officer involved shootings where the involved weapons are held by the DA until the case is resolved, body armor used by SWAT along with communication equipment used in hostage situations;

**DUILA** - contests with prizes for Douglas County students that develop a program/presentation/video for awareness against the use of drugs (approximate expenditure $20,000).

**Donations to the Advisory Council:**

The DCSAC **receives donations throughout the year** and has two specific fund-raising events. The Christmas Card mailing in November and a letter to the community in May of each year.

**Closing**

I will take any questions. Thank you for listening and hopefully you or associates may want to assist the DCSAC in providing funding for the Sheriff’s Department.

**Potential Question**-

Why doesn’t Douglas County provide the necessary funding to the Sherriff’s Department?

They do. But in the advancing age of technology the DCSAC is able to evaluate and fund through generous public donations, items that are immediately needed and that may be funded in the future by the County.