

FY2008 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
2008-JAG Grant

PROGRAM NARRATIVE

Under the 2008 JAG funding initiative, the residents of Racine County will benefit from multiple initiatives designed to enhance public safety and to increase local law enforcement preparedness. Under the effort proposed by the Racine County Sheriff's Department, courtroom security will be enhanced through the assignment of a full-time Deputy to the Racine County Court House. The security officer will enhance security measures in and around the Court House and Law Enforcement Center (LEC).

All individuals arrested for serious offenses in Racine County are housed at the Racine County Jail. Adjudication proceedings are held at the County Court House and the LEC. As a result of past incidents involving gunfire outside of the Court House and LEC, Racine County Sheriff's Department administrators are committed to increasing security and enhancing public safety within and around these facilities.

Under this funding initiative, the Racine Police Department proposes to enhance public safety locally by continuing the upgrade process of our in-car video system.

BUDGET NARRATIVE

Under the terms of the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Racine and Racine County, each agency will receive 50 percent the total award allotted to Racine County. The Sheriff's department will apply 100 percent of the proceeds allotted towards the salary for the full-time security officer. The City of Racine will apply all funds allotted towards the upgrade of the existing in-car video camera system.

REVIEW NARRATIVE

With the exception of special closed session meetings, all City of Racine Common Council meetings are open to the public. The 2008 JAG application was reviewed by the City of Racine Finance & Personnel Committee. This session was open to the public (including a special period for public comment). Additionally, this application was reviewed by the Racine County Board. These proceedings were open to the general public as well (meeting featuring an open format for public comments and feedback).