

MESA COUNTY REQUEST FOR RESULTS

PUBLIC SAFETY

THE RESULTS WE ARE SEEKING

“I WANT TO FEEL SAFE ANYTIME, ANYWHERE IN MESA COUNTY.”

INDICATORS OF PROGRESS

Indicator	Sample Data
1. % of citizens indicating a score of “safe to very safe” on the question about safety.	2008 Community Survey
2. Overall Mesa County crime rate factor, recidivism rates, # of court filings.	Uniform Crime Report, Mesa County Crime Trend Report, Agency records.
3. Number of roadway accidents, fatalities and injuries per capita.	Mesa County accidents, fatalities, injuries statistical data

INDICATORS

Indicators are a combination of measures that allows the observer to know whether performance is in line, ahead of, or behind expectations. Indicators are a quantifiable measure that will help determine progress towards the outcome. Indicators can also be a mixture of objective and subjective measures that are focused on outcomes, not activities.

We desire to monitor the progress of these indicators at the individual program level and countywide level. Whenever possible, data collected to support the indicators should be used. Due to the availability and interpretation of data, additional agency records will be used to support the indicators. Specifically, in determining the overall crime rate, the uniform crime report, recidivism rates, court filings and other statistics will be used.

CAUSE AND EFFECT MAP

A “Cause and Effect” map is a visual representation of the cause-effect pathway to an outcome. By illustrating this pathway, citizens and staff can more clearly understand the relationships between causal factors and the outcome. What is represented with this map is the overall goal, indicators, factors and supporting strategies for each outcome area.

Four primary factors were identified that are critical to Public Safety along with supporting strategies. These four factors are inter-related, provide mutual

benefits and may be affected by the same purchasing strategies. The following is a brief description of the factors as well as choices and assumptions used in developing the map.

Factor 1: Integrated and Efficient Criminal Justice System

This factor includes law enforcement, court system, criminal justice services, detention, District Attorney's office, corrections and parole services. To be effective in addressing those who commit criminal acts and those whose behavior threatens the safety of others, this system must provide a timely and appropriate response. This system should provide coordinated offender management practices that protect public safety, provide justice, and prevent recidivism across all agencies. This system must have the sufficient capacity to meet community needs and the ability to adapt to changing circumstances.

Factor 2: Capacity to Respond to Threats to Safety

The need for response to an emergency situation in a timely and appropriate manner is an important factor when discussing public safety. This includes the efficient delivery of law enforcement services, specifically in high crime areas and continued implementation of education and outreach programs designed to promote safe schools, drug prevention, violence prevention, and youth intervention programs. Additional areas of crime that require a capacity to respond include cyber crime and terrorist threats and are often far reaching statewide, nationally, and globally. Responsive services also takes into account the specific needs of local emergency response capabilities, preparedness, allocated resources, communications, planning, training activities, and coordination. Additionally, system capacities include proportionate services in the rural areas of the county.

Factor 3: Public Awareness, Understanding, and Involvement of Public Safety

Citizen responsibility and accountability are important factors to reaching the public safety outcome. The extent to which citizens are willing to take the time to identify and understand public safety issues, involve themselves in finding solutions, support positive efforts to address concerns, is the foundation upon which a safe community is built.

Factor 4: Safe Travel throughout Mesa County

The citizens expect a safe and secure transportation system. This factor does not only take into account the roadway infrastructure, but the programs and activities used to contribute to a well-maintained and safe transportation system. This includes educational programs which encourage safe driving practices, enforcement efforts which increase adherence to traffic laws, DUI enforcement,

school zones, railroad crossing safety and seat belts usage. The community must be knowledgeable of traffic risk factors that lead to unsafe driving conditions. Mesa County programs must be customer service oriented, proactive and responsive to these needs. As the population in Mesa County increases, the transportation system must be proactive in meeting the challenges of strengthening levels of service while maintaining a safe system. When designing, evaluating and maintaining infrastructure, the system should consider the highest level of public safety and responsiveness in day-to-day operations.

PURCHASING STRATEGIES

We are seeking program specific offers that will contribute to Mesa County achieving the desired results and which address the following strategies as they relate to specific outcome area. Additionally, special consideration will be given to offers which improve customer service initiatives and promote inter-agency partnerships and collaboration.

Purchasing Strategy 1:

We are seeking proposals that promote an integrated and efficient criminal justice system.

Specifically proposals for/that:

- Promote cooperation across the various departments/agencies in the criminal justice system.
- Promote sharing of resources.
- Promote a coherent and consistent approach to offender management.
- Promote programs that reduce the recidivism rates.
- Promote programs that reduce violent and sex crimes.
- Promote communication with agencies statewide, nationwide, and globally on cyber crimes, terrorist threats, and other financial crimes.
- Provide system capacity to manage the jail population and identify opportunities to place inmates into work settings
- Increase training opportunities with emergency response activities and programs.

Purchasing Strategy 2:

We are seeking proposals that provide the capacity to respond to threats to safety.

Specifically proposals for/that:

- Ensure availability and access to public safety programs and services in rural and urban areas.

- Provide timely, effective, and adequate response to emergency situations.
- Increase system capacity through technology, communication systems, and collaboration.
- Reduce crime and increase public safety in the community in high crime areas.

Purchasing Strategy 3:

We are seeking proposals that provide for an increase in public awareness, understanding and involvement of public safety.

Specifically proposals for/that:

- Promote high quality customer service.
- Promote safety prevention, education, and enforcement.
- Increase personal safety through effective community education and outreach.
- Promote individual and community preparedness and accountability.
- Promote public safety through the environmental design of neighborhoods, residences, and common areas. *(Refer and submit offer to Outcome area: Plans and infrastructure that maintain quality of life in the face of rapid growth.)*

Purchasing Strategy 4:

We are seeking proposals that ensure citizens can safely travel throughout Mesa County.

Specifically proposals for/that:

- Promote adequate transportation infrastructure. (i.e., wide roads, sidewalks, off street parking) *(May refer to Outcome area: Plans and infrastructure that maintain quality of life in the face of rapid growth.)*
- Promote traffic safety through education, prevention, and enforcement. (i.e., DUI's, seatbelts, school zones, reckless driving, railroad crossings)
- Promote the design and use of traffic calming devices and technology.
- Reduce the number of DUI drivers through education and enforcement.
- Reduce the number of at large dogs.

STRATEGY MAP DEFINITIONS

Cause and Effect Map Descriptions

<u>Result/Outcome</u>	A statement indicating the results citizens want from their government.
<u>Indicator</u>	A measure or combination of measures that allow the “observer” to know whether performance is in line with, ahead of, or behind the expected outcome.
<u>Factor</u>	An important contributor to the result/outcome.
<u>Purchasing Strategy</u>	A set of actions chosen by an organization to achieve an outcome based on an understanding of the cause-effect connection between specific actions and outcomes.

RESOURCES

Mesa County Citizen Attitude Survey (2007)

Mesa County Environmental Scan (2007)

Mesa County Program Drivers (2008)

TEAM MEMBERS

PUBLIC SAFETY STRATEGY MAP

