

# MESA COUNTY 2010 REQUEST FOR RESULTS

## Promote Public Safety

### THE RESULTS WE ARE SEEKING

“I want to feel safe anytime, anywhere in Mesa County.”

### INDICATORS OF PROGRESS

Indicator
1. Community Survey: % of citizens indicating a score of “safe to very safe” on the question about safety. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe to Very Safe in neighborhood during the day - 2007: 91%, 2009: 90%</li> <li>• Safe to Very Safe in neighborhood at night - 2007: 83%, 2009: 80% (U.S.: 70%)</li> </ul>
2. Uniform Crime Rate of Mesa County <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2007 UCR Rate = 2.21%</li> <li>• 2006 UCR Crime Rate = 2.67%</li> <li>• 2005 UCR Crime Rate = 3.1%</li> </ul>
3. Incarceration rate (Rate will be compared over time and to national rates ) (New Indicator)
4. Number of roadway accidents, fatalities and injuries per capita. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21% increase in traffic fatalities from 2006 (24) to 2007 (29)</li> <li>• 33% increase in traffic fatalities from 2005 (19) to 2006 (24)</li> </ul>

### FACTORS

There are four factors identified as critical to the safety of the citizens of Mesa County. Public safety encompasses several different strategies including protection from and response to crime, managing offenders, public health issues, and safe travel in Mesa County.

#### **Factor 1: Integrated and Efficient Criminal Justice System**

To address those who commit criminal acts and those whose behavior threatens the safety of others, this system will use a consistent approach and shared resources. This system will provide coordinated offender management practices that protect public safety, provide justice, and prevent recidivism across all agencies. The criminal justice system will prevent recidivism through programs that transition offenders back into the community. 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 and Prevent Threats to Safety**

Timely and effective response to threats to safety are a major factor in this outcome area. This includes the efficient delivery of law enforcement services, quick response to emergencies and other threats to safety such as animals at large. Emergency planning and coordination is another factor in this area. Continued implementation of education and outreach programs designed to promote safe schools, drug prevention, violence prevention, and youth intervention programs are a component in the reduction of crime. Communication and cooperation with other agencies is important in addressing existing crimes and emerging trends such as cyber and financial crimes. 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: Safe Travel throughout Mesa County**

Mesa County citizens expect a safe and secure 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 belt usage. The community must be knowledgeable of traffic risk factors that lead to unsafe driving conditions. When designing, evaluating and maintaining infrastructure, the system should consider the highest level of public safety and responsiveness in day-to-day operations.

### **Factor 4: Public Awareness, Understanding and Involvement of Public Safety**

Crucial to reaching the public safety outcome is citizen accountability and education on law enforcement and the criminal justice system. "Education" includes citizen understanding of what recidivism is and how evidence based practices reduce recidivism. It also includes crime prevention training for all kinds of crimes, including financial crimes. Emergency preparedness education and safety education is also a part of this factor.

## **PURCHASING STRATEGIES**

We are seeking offers for programs that will contribute to Mesa County achieving the outcome of a safe community. The following are some of the strategies that Mesa County believes will result in achieving this outcome.

### **Purchasing Strategy 1:**

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

Specifically proposals for/that:

- Promote sharing of resources.
- Promote a collaborative and evidence-based approach to offender management.
- Promote programs that track and report recidivism rates for program evaluation.
- Create and promote programs that successfully transition offenders into the community to help reduce recidivism rates.
- Promote communication and cooperation with agencies statewide, nationwide, and globally to address existing crimes and emerging trends such as cyber and financial crimes.
- Provide system capacity to manage the jail population and identify opportunities to place inmates into work settings.
- Provide alternative sentencing methods while protecting the public.

### **Purchasing Strategy 2:**

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

Specifically proposals for/that:

- Provide timely and effective response to emergency situations.
- Reduce crime and increase public safety in the community.
- Promote overall County and local agency emergency preparedness for likely critical or catastrophic events and mandated planning by state or federal agencies. This may include training, capacity building and assistance to responding agencies.

- Timely and effective response to threats from animals.
- Ensure availability and access to public safety services in rural and urban areas.

**Purchasing Strategy 3:**

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

**Specifically proposals for/that:**

- Promote traffic safety through education programs.
- Promote safe travel through traffic enforcement.
- Crime prevention through environmental design. (also in Well Planned Communities RFR)
- Transportation infrastructure that promotes road safety.

**Purchasing Strategy 4:**

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

**Specifically proposals for/that:**

- Provide education that promotes crime prevention and safety from crime and accidents.
- Promote education for citizens on evidence based practices that reduce recidivism.
- Promote community outreach for crime prevention, volunteering and victim assistance.
- Promote individual responsibility for safety and crime prevention.
- Promote responsible pet ownership

**Special consideration will be given to offers that provide or encourage the following values:**

- Customer Service
- Efficient processes
- Community partnerships and collaboration
- Interdepartmental cooperation
- Evidence based programs or services
- Prevention and maintenance
- Volunteerism

# PUBLIC SAFETY STRATEGY MAP

