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Opioid Abatement Funds

As a result of the drug abuse epidemic within our County and across America, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office has developed and been involved in a very proactive approach in trying to combat these issues on a local level.

Approximately 1.5 years ago the Sheriff's Office entered into a cooperative agreement with Take Action Today. As a result of our agreement, a Community Mental Health Liaison, employed by TAT, was embedded within the jail facility on a full time basis. The purpose of the CMHL is to bridge the gap between individuals in the criminal justice system and the recovery resources that may be available to them. It is recognized that recidivism rates among those in addiction is extremely high. The CMHL also works closely with the court system and prosecutors office to assist in gaining treatment for those who's criminality may be a direct result of mental illness.

The Sheriff's office has invested approximately \$10,000.00 in refitting an unused storage room and a visitation room to develop office space and a classroom for inmate treatment programming.

In February of 2022 the Sheriff's Office added a dual purpose K9 to patrol. This K9 was purchased by the Southern Illinois Drug Task Force (\$15,000.00). Per our cooperative agreement with SIDTF, the Sheriff's Office provided a handler and related equipment. Since the inception of this K9 program the following results have been achieved:

K9 Incidents: 62
Methamphetamine Seized: 1,293.7 Grams (Street Value \$116,370.00)
Cannabis: 65.8 Grams
Currency: \$64,075.00

Methamphetamine use, in my opinion, is the greatest challenge facing public safety in our County. The ever increasing influx of Fentanyl (synthetic opioid 50x stronger than heroin) is compounding the issue. This drug abuse epidemic is directly related to many other crimes including, theft, burglary, violence, and the abuse and neglect of children. I believe that we must combat this issue from all angles to include strict and aggressive enforcement of the law. I also believe that we cannot arrest our way out of this problem. As a result, it is my belief that we have some responsibility to offer a level of treatment within the jail setting. Through our partnership with Take Action Today we are doing just that.

In order to continue and increase Sheriff's Office programming, to include strict enforcement and treatment, I am requesting Opioid Abatement Funds in the amount of \$34,000.00. This funding will be directly related to the opioid crisis faced in our County. \$10,000.00 will be utilized to pay for the treatment facility / classroom within the jail. The additional \$24,000.00 will be used to deploy a second single purpose narcotics K9 to be assigned to a patrol Deputy.

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