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2007 NACo ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

ON FEBRUARY 14TH 2007, THE SEDGWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO BE NOMINATED FOR A 2007 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD GIVEN BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, NACo. THE NOMINATION WAS FOR A DEPARTMENT WIDE PROGRAM WHICH FOCUSED RESOURCES TOWARDS APPREHENDING CAREER CRIMINALS.

AFTER DELIBERATING OVER EIGHT HUNDRED OTHER NOMINATIONS, THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WAS AWARDED AN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WHICH RECOGNIZES INNOVATIVE COUNTY

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GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS. THE PROGRAM HAD TO MEET ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- OFFER A NEW SERVICE TO COUNTY RESIDENTS, FILL GAPS IN EXISTING SERVICES, OR TAP NEW REVENUE SOURCES.
- IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION OR ENHANCE THE COST EFFECTIVENESS OF AN EXISTING PROGRAM.
- UPGRADE THE WORKING CONDITION OR LEVEL OF TRAINING FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES.
- PROMOTE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION IN ADDRESSING SHARED PROBLEMS.

THE HEART OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PROGRAM FOCUSES ON TAKING CRIMINALS OFF THE STREETS WHO DERIVE THEIR LIVELIHOODS FROM CRIME. GRANT FUNDING WAS OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM. AS A RESULT OF THE PROGRAM'S INITIATION, 1,212 CAREER CRIMINAL CASES WERE GENERATED WITH 117 CAREER CRIMINALS IDENTIFIED. SEVENTY-ONE GUNS WERE TRACED, TWENTY-TWO SEARCH WARRANTS WERE DRAWN, ONE HUNDRED AND FIVE FELONY AND SIXTEEN MISDEMEANOR WARRANTS WERE DRAWN AND \$ 566,638.22 IN PROPERTY WAS RECOVERED.

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