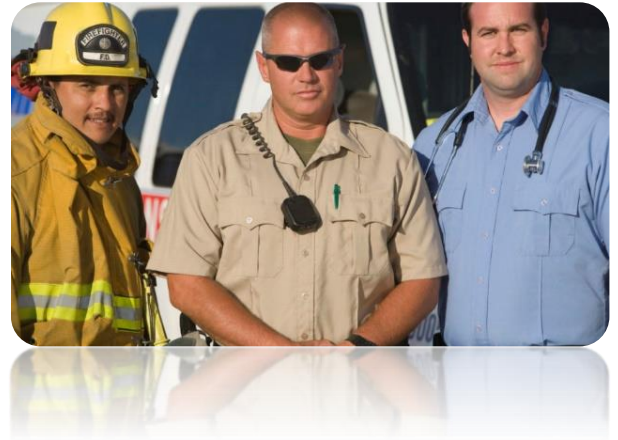




Ways to Impact Our Community

MENTAL HEALTH

- Approximately 75% of police officers have reported experiencing a traumatic event, while an estimated 300 police officers commit suicide every year.
- First Responder depression is real, with 13% suffering in some way. Twenty-six percent display signs of PTSD and 25% are at high risk for suicide.
- Suicide deaths among firefighters and police officers outnumber deaths in the line of duty.



Fundable Opportunities:

- Financial support for educational and awareness seminars.
- Assistance to offset the costs related to resources (professionals) that specialize in mental health.

EQUIPMENT NEEDS



- Any decrease in police funding will result with the inability to properly equip law enforcement professionals, which will prevent officers from doing their job effectively.
- New opportunities have been identified to assist in reducing law enforcement threats including high-risk traffic stops.
- Trained, highly qualified, volunteer search and rescue personnel are needed at the request of authorized emergency agencies to deploy during natural disasters.
- Training and certification opportunities for volunteers is greatly needed in the field of search and rescue within the Greater Houston Area.

Fundable opportunities:

- Supporting the small unmanned aerial systems fleet (drone program) will assist in lowering high-risk traffic stops and assist with search & rescue missions.
- Swift water rescue equipment is needed to assist with natural disaster relief.
- Outreach opportunities to the community are needed to learn about and expand search and rescue efforts.

WOMEN AGAINST CRIME

- There has been an 80% increase in requests for service related to domestic violence during COVID-19 (“double pandemic”) while making it more difficult for victims to seek help.
- Many citizens aren’t prepared to confront frightening, real-life situations such as being approached by someone behaving erratically on the street.
- Car & home burglaries occur every 15.4 seconds which can lead to feeling violated and unsafe.



Fundable opportunities:

- Women Against Crime (self-defense programs) teach situational awareness and self-defense tactics to women. Areas of focus include:
 - One-on-One training
 - Group Training
 - Corporate Training
 - Guest Speaking
 - Active Shooter Training

YOUTH OUTREACH & AWARENESS



- Lack of positive role models.
- Media perception of law enforcement versus reality.
- Idle time after school.
- Lack of/poor relationships between youth and law enforcement.

Fundable opportunities:

- D.A.R.E. programs.
- Mentoring.
- Outdoor & recreational activities/sports.

