

## **PROJECT TIMELINE AND POSITION DESCRIPTION**

The overall goal of this proposal is to preserve the Deputy Probation Officer's job by ensuring her effectiveness. This will be accomplished by providing this officer with a patrol car and computer system that will enable her to do her job more effectively and efficiently.

The timeline on the following page is based on a projected start date of July 31, 2009. It will be adjusted accordingly if grant award is received at a later date. Baseline statistics, collected from April to June 2009, will be used to compare the DPO's effectiveness after grant-funded equipment is purchased. The DPO and CS Analyst will work closely to get pertinent information together for reporting and monitoring purposes. The DPO will collect the data and submit it to the CS Analyst for analysis and reporting to DOJ.

The Deputy Probation Officer position, funded by the City of Santa Clarita, provides specialized probation services for the City, including probation searches, conducting crisis counseling in individual and group settings with referred students; serving as representative of the Probation Department on the School Attendance Review Board (S.A.R.B.); and providing on-site attendance in schools when behavior problems arise.

The current DPO has been employed by the County of Los Angeles (L.A.) for 13 years. She was an armed DPO in the Special Enforcement Operations Bureau for six years, and assigned to gang units conducting suppression activities with the L.A. Police Department and the L.A. Sheriff's Department. As an armed DPO working under the title of Special Enforcement Operations, she focuses her suppression efforts on high-risk offenders on probation, including gang members, in order to get guns off of streets. She has a Bachelor of Science degree as well as a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Southern California.

