

Orangeburg County Audit Response

A. Personnel/Victim Service Program

A-1 At this time the County has discontinued donating victim assistance funds. The 2014 general fund will transfer \$69, 340.00 in the Victims Fund to begin offsetting the current deficit of \$329, 219.00

B. Victim Witness FFA Funding Records

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- The initial Outreach Services job description was “direct” was not mentioned however it was resubmitted with “direct” noted prior to the printing of the report and not noted in the printing of the final audit report .
- As it pertains to the “evidence” collected it was explained to the audit reviewers during their site visit that this “evidence” referenced hospital bills, home damage bills, etc. that are gathered by the victim to assist them with properly gathering this “evidence” when submitting for restitution in accordance to right number 9 in the Victims Bill of Rights. The job description now reflects” as it pertains to victim services” satisfy the concerns of the auditing agency.
- The statistics as explained to the audit reviewers at the time of the site visit are based solely on Victim Services information received by surveys of the services rendered by the Victims Services Division to enhance and target the services offered to victims of crime who live in our community. The job description now reflects” to assist with services rendered related to victim services” to satisfy the concerns of the auditing agency.
- The “direct” has been noted in established sentence notating the summary of job duties to satisfy the concerns of the auditing agency. There has also been an addition of filing of Crime Victim Compensation to satisfy the concerns of the auditing agency.

C. Victim Witness FFA Expenditure Reports

C-1 This recommendation is noted and the requests are submitted in accordance to the approved guidelines.

C-2 A copy of the policy and procedure pertaining to the expenditure requests and approval was hand delivered to the SOVA office in the time frame established by the reviewing auditors after the initial site visit prior to the printing of this report. Thus arising concerns of the auditing agency documenting this information was not received.

C-3 The new administration at both the County Administration and the Sheriff's have addressed communication barriers from previous administrations and currently have an open and ongoing dialogue.

D. Municipal Contracts

D-1 The current contract is in accordance with the format listed on the SOVA website.

D-2 The Sheriff's Office Victim Assistance Program has added monthly reports to the quarterly and yearly statistical already set in place and being submitted to municipalities that currently have contracts.

D-3 The Outreach Advocate job description was updated and submitted to the auditing agency in the time allotted after the initial site visit prior to the printing of this report. The updated job descriptions have been placed on file with the Human Resources Department.

E. Donations

E-1 – This recommendation has been noted by County Administration and the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office for future request.

E- 2 -This recommendation has been noted by County Administration and the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office for future donations

E- 3 - This recommendation has been noted and addressed within each entity in regards to County Administration and the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office.

E-4 – This recommendation is noted and the County will work with CASA to ensure the repayment of funds.

F. State Reporting Requirements

F-1 – This recommendation is noted and the County has ensured that the STRRF's are submitted.