

The Center for Public Safety Initiatives at Rochester Institute of Technology

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The Center for Public Safety Initiatives (CPSI) is a research center at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York. The Center focuses on locally relevant research and conducts research and trains students in analysis of community issues. The work of the Center began in 2000 with research on the problem of lethal violence in Rochester and with a focus on crime analysis. The Center also established long term research partnerships with the Rochester Police, local probation and parole, Monroe County District Attorney and the United States Attorney United States for the Western District of New York.

CPSI, under the Direction of Dr. John Klofas, has emphasized the role of partnerships in action research on local problems. Those partnerships have continued to grow to include other criminal justice agencies and local not-for-profit organizations. The Center has also conducted evaluations of criminal justice interventions across the state under the auspices of the Division of Criminal Justice Services. Work in crime analysis has also continued through the partnership with the Monroe Crime Analysis Center.

The Center has been supported by, and has provided substantial support to local community organizations through external funding of locally focused research. That research has also contributed to national efforts to reduce violence through evidence based practice and to develop researchers in partnership roles across the country.

The Rochester Police Department (RPD) expects employees to act with a high standard of integrity and ethical behavior and to avoid ethical, legal, financial, or other conflicts of interest or commitment, including even the appearance of a conflict that might impede or compromise the departmental mission. RPD recognizes that the compliance with the ethical standards rests primarily on personal integrity, and strives to foster an environment conducive to disclosure and transparency.

The Rochester Police Department (RPD) has thoroughly reviewed the submission for the Body Worn Camera Project proposed under this solicitation (OMB No. 1121-0329) for any research and integrity issues and it has concluded that the design, conduct, or reporting of research and evaluation funded by this BJA grant will not be biased by any personal or financial conflict of interest on the part of the staff at RPD or the staff of the proposed award sub-recipient, Center for Public Safety Initiatives (CPSI) at Rochester Institute of Technology.

All principal investigators at RPD and CPSI have reviewed the solicitation requirements for disclosure of potential conflicts and the desire for transparency and have complied with their respective agency's applicable policies and procedures. All future project participants will be required to follow the same process. In addition to adhering to their respective agency protocol, all project participants will be required to notify Co-Project Managers Kevin Costello and Anthony Sutera should any real or perceived conflicts of interest arise during the terms of the solicitation. Elimination (or mitigation) of the conflict will occur in accordance with the terms or policies of the respective agency. Responsibility for conflict of interest resolution falls under the auspices of the City of Rochester's Office of Public Integrity for RPD employees and with the Individual Conflict of Interest and Commitment (ICIC) Committee for RIT employees respectively. *See* Attachment 15, City Code of Ethics. *See* <http://www.rit.edu/fa/svp/ethics/code.html>