SYSTEM BASED ADVOCATES

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VOCA GRANT ANALYST

WHO ARE SYSTEM BASED ADVOCATES & WHAT DO THEY DO?

- Introductions of the Group

- Usually Found in a Police Department or Prosecutor's Office

- Assist Victims of Crime

- Provide Court Advocacy

- Provide Assistance in Obtaining a Protective Order/Civil Stalking Injunction

- Liaison between Law Enforcement and/or Prosecutors

- Be a Voice for Victims of Crime in the Criminal Justice Process

- Know Victim's Rights and Educate Victims of their Rights

- Provide Crisis Intervention and Safety Plan

KEEP CALM AND LET THE VICTIM ADVOCATE HANDLE IT

VOCA FUNDS

- 13,000,000 Awarded to Victim Advocacy Grants for two years, which is an increase of 15.36% from last year

- 3-5% COLA Increases Allowable

- One National Training is allowable-What ones have been beneficial to your agencies?

VOCA FUNDS CONTINUED

- Include the Full Per Diem Rate for SWAVO trainings

- $10,000 per year allowable for Emergency Funds, which includes Rental Assistance and you need to have a policy on how funds are used

- VOCA can pay for tracking systems

- On-call pay and Overtime can potentially be asked for under VOCA

VOCA REPORTING

- How do you track VOCA data?

- VOCA Federal Services

- Program Plan Reporting

- Governing Body Presentations

- Quarterly Reporting

- Financial Reporting

VOCA FEDERAL SERVICES

- How do you track your services
- Consistency is Key
- Federal Reporting

GRANT WRITING

- Ensure your budget is correct, accurate, and effective

- Keep goals & objectives manageable and achievable

- Narrative section should be concise and well thought out-Bullet point lists where you can are helpful

- It's okay to change your goals and objectives from previous years

SEXUAL ASSAULT SET ASIDE

HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM

CHILD ADVOCATE
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BARRIER OF BEING A CIVILIAN

- Chain of Command

- How to Build Rapport

- Building Rapport with Community Based Advocates
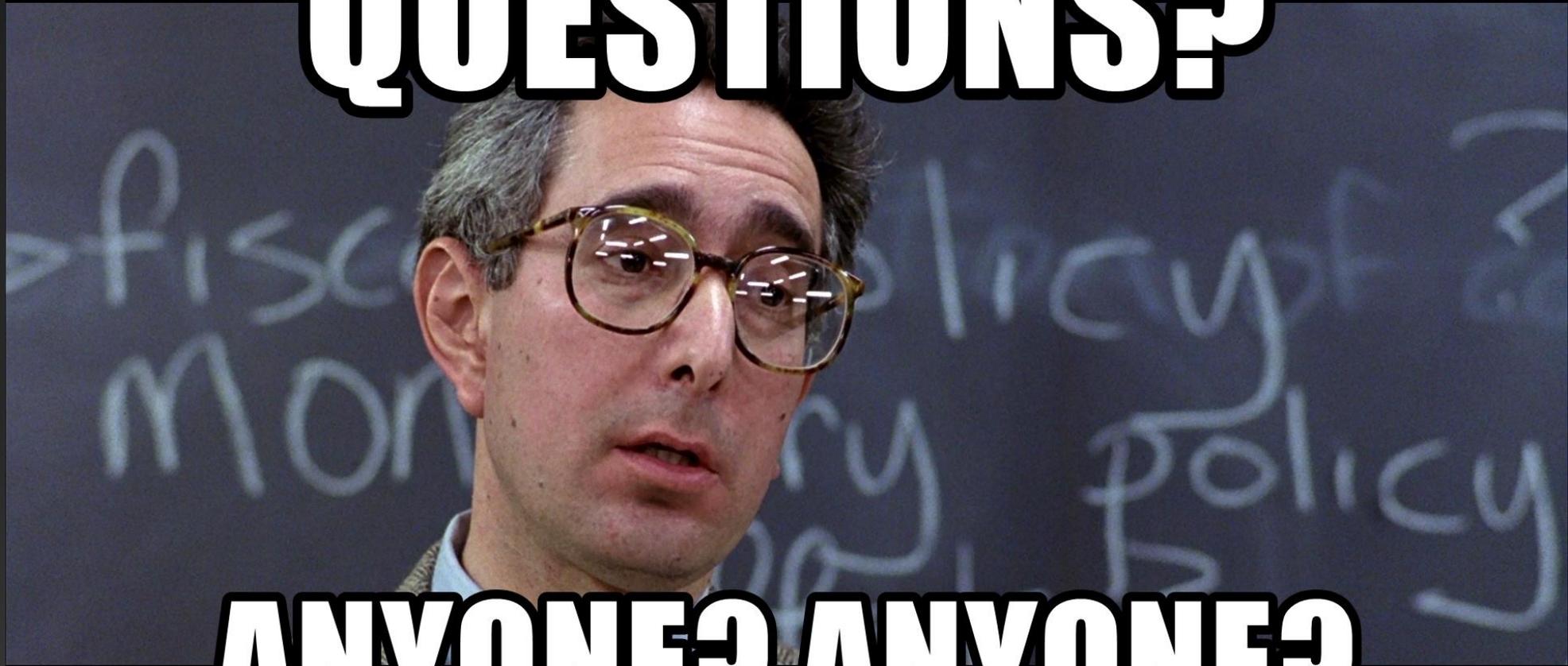
- Civilian vs Sworn

WHAT'S GOING WELL

- What are successes in your agencies

- What have been challenges

- What challenges are you facing for VOCA