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Purcellville Has Been Awarded a \$31,303.00 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Funding for Police Department Upgrades

Purcellville, Virginia, July 9, 2010 – The Town has been notified by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services that the Purcellville Police Department’s Byrne Justice Assistance Grant application requesting \$31,303.00 to establish a mobile In-Field Reporting System has been awarded. The Town is required to match the grant with \$1,647.00 in local funds for a project total of \$32,950.00. The U. S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance’s Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) are awarded on a competitive basis to facilitate the prevention and control of crime and improve law enforcement functionality.

“Our award winning Police Department is a source of great pride. This grant will allow us to continue to improve the efficiency of our Department to the benefit of our citizens and business community,” said Purcellville Mayor Bob Lazaro.

The Purcellville Police Department will utilize the JAG funds to establish an In-Field Reporting System. The In-Field System will consist of six ruggedized notebook computers to be placed in six patrol vehicles and shall utilize a specific software system designed to facilitate field reporting. The department’s incumbent Incident Based Reporting software vendor DaPro will install their MobileFR software on the new notebooks and also the office server to permit the officers to generate and file incident, accident and other reports directly from their patrol vehicles through the use of a secure remote computer interface system. This process will permit officers to reduce the time spent in the station writing and filing paperwork and maximize their time on patrol in the field. The system has a proven track record in Virginia and is currently in use in Amherst, Greene, Patrick, and Rockingham Counties and the City of Harrisonburg and Towns of Elkton, Broadway, Timberville, Grottoes and the James Madison University PD.

The MobileFR System will seamlessly integrate with the department’s existing Incident Based Reporting software as both platforms use the same interface. This will significantly reduce the training time necessary for the officers. Additional beneficial features of the MobileFR System include enhanced officer safety through a “Hot Sheet” reporting function, better report accuracy through use of mandatory fields and rapid supervisory review.

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