



PRESS NOTICE

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U.S. ATTORNEY ANNOUNCES \$226,147
IN ANTI-GANG AND FIREARM GRANTS TO ASSIST
LOCAL AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

COLUMBIA, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney W.

Walter Wilkins has announced Project Safe Neighborhood/Project CeaseFire grants to state and local law enforcement agencies to fight gang and firearm violence, and to institute gang prevention programs. The South Carolina Department of Public Safety's Office of Justice Programs will administer these grant programs on behalf of the United States Attorney's Office and the Department of Justice.

Project CeaseFire is South Carolina's implementation of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a national federal initiative designed to reduce gun violence. The initiative promotes partnerships among federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies; strategic planning, incorporating such technologies as crime mapping, gun tracing, and ballistic analysis; training that brings together federal, state, and local officials to build

effective teams; outreach to communities; and accountability for impact on community safety. More information concerning the national initiative may be found at www.ProjectSafeNeighborhoods.gov, while more information concerning the South Carolina initiative may be found at www.usdoj.gov/usao/sc/.

“State and local law enforcement agencies continue to be an integral part of our Project CeaseFire program. Therefore, we are very pleased to be able to award these funds in effort to help address the firearm violence and gang problem across South Carolina,” Wilkins said. “These grants will allow law enforcement agencies to continue with innovative programs to reduce gang and firearm crimes in our communities.”

The following agencies received grants:

Implementing Agency: South Carolina Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs

Project Title: “Project Safe Neighborhoods/CeaseFire Research Partner”

Amount Received: \$2,690

Implementing Agency: Barnwell County Sheriff’s Department

Project Title: “Gang Familiar Officer Reducing Crime & Educating (G-FORCE)”

Amount Received: \$97,722

Implementing Agency: South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

Project Title: “2010 South Carolina GangNET Conference”

Amount Received: \$75,409

Implementing Agency: Spartanburg Department of Public Safety

Project Title: “Gun Reduction Office”

Amount Received: \$50,326

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