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GEORGIA POLICE & SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENTS TO RECEIVE NEARLY \$32 MILLION IN FEDERAL "C.O.P.S." GRANTS

Part of White House and Justice Department's \$1 Billion in Grants to Add Officers to America's Streets

Washington, D.C.-- Vice President Joseph Biden and Attorney General Eric Holder today announced \$1 billion in grants to fund the hiring and rehiring of 4,699 law enforcement officers under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The grants will be administered by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) through the federal agency's COPS Hiring Recovery Program, and will be awarded to 1,046 law enforcement agencies from all 50 states. Nearly \$32 Million has been awarded to police and sheriff's departments to fund the hiring of 184 officers in Georgia.

The grants will provide 100 percent of the approved salary and benefits for entry level officer positions over a three year period. Police departments receiving the grants will then be required to retain the grant-funded positions for a fourth year. The funding provides much needed support to state and local government budgets, and will help the nation's law enforcement agencies add and retain the manpower needed to fight crime more effectively through community policing.

In Atlanta, United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said, "We are pleased to see millions of dollars going to many of the local law enforcement departments with which we work on a daily basis in North Georgia, including 50 officers for the Atlanta Police Department. Across our state, many different city and county law enforcement agencies are receiving badly needed officers who will help us make our communities safer places to live."

The following are the grants announced today in Washington, D.C. for individual departments in the State of Georgia:

COPS GRANTS IN GEORGIA

Officers Awarded Award Amount

Adairsville Police Department	1	\$156,726
Albany Police Department	9	\$1,384,092
Alma Police Department	1	\$106,901
Americus, City of	2	\$271,142
Ashburn Police Department	1	\$124,157
Atlanta Police Department	50	\$11,209,300
Bainbridge Police Department	2	\$254,712
Buena Vista, City of	1	\$113,864
Calhoun Police Department	2	\$299,478
Camden County Sheriff's Dept.	3	\$346,545
Carrollton, City of	3	\$498,333
Cedartown Police Department	2	\$366,196
Clayton County Police Department	5	\$862,035
Conyers Police Department	3	\$409,728
Cordele Police Department	1	\$133,007
DeKalb County	15	\$3,112,845
Douglasville, City of	4	\$709,688
Dublin Police Department	3	\$418,872
East Dublin, City of	1	\$119,670
Eastman Police Department	1	\$115,019
Eatonton Police Department	1	\$121,795
Elberton Police Department	1	\$140,057
Forest Park Dept.Of Public Safety	3	\$579,567
Franklin, City of	1	\$116,355
Fulton County Police Department	7	\$1,278,158
Garden City Police Department	2	\$307,738
Helen, City of	1	\$148,309
Homerville Police Department	1	\$205,713
Jesup Police Department	1	\$138,286
LaFayette, City of	1	\$123,307
LaGrange Police Department	4	\$672,584
Macon, City of	14	\$1,700,160
Marietta Police Department	6	\$856,974
Metter, City of	1	\$123,203
Monroe, City of	2	\$290,932
Monticello Police Department	1	\$121,636
Morrow, City of	2	\$294,846
Moultrie Police Department	2	\$278,186
Quitman Police Department	1	\$105,709
Riverdale Police Department	2	\$288,150
Roberta Police Department	1	\$83,163

Statesboro Police Department	3	\$437,775
Tennille, City of	1	\$131,251
Tifton Police Department	2	\$234,312
Valdosta Police Department	7	\$1,055,957
Vidalia Police Department	2	\$258,014
Villa Rica, City of	2	\$321,516
Winder, City of	2	\$332,868
STATE TOTAL	184	\$31,758,831

For more information about the grants, or to learn which law enforcement agencies received funding nationwide, please visit www.cops.usdoj.gov.