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Just to follow up on our phone conversation from earlier this afternoon, the Monroe, North Carolina Police Department is still counting on reprogramming their FY09 COPS Technology Earmark and using their FY10 COPS Technology Earmark.

The FY09 earmark (“Monroe, NC Police Department In-Car Camera Project”) for \$300,000 was requested by former Congressman Hayes, Congressman Kissell’s predecessor, for in-car cameras. The City found an alternate funding stream to expedite the purchase of the in-car cameras, but the Department is still depending on these funds for other law enforcement technology upgrades. The Department does not wish to de-obligate their FY09 funds in any shape or form.

Separately, the Monroe Police Department requested a \$600,000 FY10 earmark (“Monroe Police Department’s Radio Interoperability Project”) from Congressman Kissell to cover the cost of upgrading their communications systems with interoperable 800 MHz radios. The cost of the system is \$600,000, but Congressman Kissell’s request was halved in the Senate and only \$300,000 was actually awarded.

Reprogramming the \$300,000 FY09 earmark and combining with the \$300,000 FY10 earmark will allow the Police Department to complete their \$600,000 radio upgrade successfully. It’s one of the City’s top federal appropriation requests this year and Congressman Kissell fully plans on assisting them adjust their FY09 funds in order to complete this project.

I’ve copied [text omitted], our Chief of Staff, on this email to keep her updated on the situation and you are more than welcome to send this to the Budget Division or anyone else in DOJ. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask.

Thanks again for working with us on this!

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