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CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP TO HIRE MORE 6 POLICE OFFICERS THANKS TO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT

ORANGE, NJ - Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq. is pleased to announce that The City of Orange Township was awarded \$1,408,050 from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) to cover the hire of six (6) new police officers. The COPS Officer Hiring Program is a competitive grant program that provides funding to address community policing and crime prevention efforts.

"This award means that we will have more manpower on the streets to make Orange a safer City", Mayor Warren said. "This boost in law enforcement personnel, combined with the rollout of new anti-crime initiatives marks a turning point in our fight to keep Orange families safe."

A typical award from this program provides \$125,000 per officer over a three year period. For Orange, the City calculated the total cost of the officers at \$1,408,050, which would have left a local match of \$658,050 (\$219,350 per year). However, the City requested a competitive waiver of this match as a part of the application, which The Department of Justice approved. The award covers all salary and benefit related costs for the new officers over a three year period. There will be no local match, meaning no tax dollars will be required from Orange residents to pay for these new police for the initial three years.

"We will continue to identify and secure resources to give our police department the manpower and tools they need to protect our community", the Mayor said.

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