

Houston Police Department to be used towards enforcement of illegal possession and distribution of Methamphetamine/ICE, Heroin, Cocaine and Marijuana throughout the Houston region. The Houston Police Department intends to use the funds for classified overtime for Narcotics Personnel, for the purchase of covert equipment, for the purchase of evidence/information, for the purchase of block overtime expenses for general personnel, and for investigative travel. The Targeted Narcotics Enforcement Team (TNET) is an enforcement group whose mission is to carry out investigations addressing the broad spectrum of drug trafficking in and through the Houston region. The goal is to identify, target, and disrupt or dismantle major drug trafficking organizations operating on a regional scale. However, TNET is unique in its efforts by focusing on the full organization. With investigators continuously developing confidential sources (CS) along the Texas-Mexico border, the group is able to target major Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTOs). TNET also works through its coalition of investigators, attorneys, inspectors, and citizen groups to target the dealers and end users that make the DTOs' work profitable. Over the past several years, Mexican DTOs have taken over the production of Methamphetamine and the more crystallized meth known as "ICE." Once dominated by domestic labs, Mexican DTOs now produce the bulk of methamphetamine powder and ICE. These DTOs have utilized the same smuggling routes and techniques that have been used in the past. TNET has quickly adapted to this new threat and has successfully targeted these Methamphetamine DTOs. Additional resources will enhance our ability to combat these sophisticated DTOs.

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Harris County, TX Constable Precinct #4

Address of Requesting Entity: 16000 Stuebner Airline Road, Suite 520, Spring, TX 77379

Description of Request: I have secured \$90,000 in funding to be used to provide a uniform manner of handling violent crimes against woman within this precinct by supporting an investigating deputy for the precinct. This way cases will be worked on 24 hours a day and have a faster completion time. The investigating deputy shall make the scene when an incident is reported and interview all victim(s), suspect(s), and witness(es) while at the scene. Collect all evidence at the scene and provide the victim(s) with a written notification of their "Victim Rights" found in the departmental issued Victim Assistance pamphlet. The investigator shall initiate a case report and post the case on the office information board so that all patrol deputies may be informed of the case.

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Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Houston Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 1200 Travis Street, Houston, TX 77002

Description of Request: I have secured \$910,000 for the Houston Police Department to purchase more LiveScan equipment, enabling them to capture electronic fingerprints and be part of the IAFIS (Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System) program which enables them to determine in seconds as opposed to days the alienage and criminal history of those they apprehend through the federal Law Enforcement Support Center. They still need 9 more machines to be fully electronic under IAFIS city wide. Additionally, funding will be used to purchase additional handheld devices that would be given to police officers to quickly capture biometric information of suspects and quickly determine their criminal histories, outstanding warrants, whether they have an order of removal or bench warrant for a failure to appear for an immigration proceeding from Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Office of Detention and Removal's deportable felon database.

RECOGNIZING 60 YEARS OF SERVICE FROM THE COLES DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Coles District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. On June 27, 2009 the department will hold its 60th Annual Installation of Officers Banquet, marking its 60th year of service to the residents of Prince William County.

Prince William County has changed drastically since the Coles Department was established in 1949 as the Independent Hill Volunteer Fire Department. At that time, the early fire notification system consisted of a 110 foot fire tower that looked out over Prince William County's largely wooded landscape. Just six community volunteers handled the department's workload in those early years.

After years of expansion and the construction of a new fire station in 1979, the Coles District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad continues to be an invaluable resource for the Prince William community. The membership has grown to 45 life, active, junior and associate members. These members are business executives, police officers, professional firefighters, information technology professionals, tradesmen and other civil servants in local and federal government. Each year, they dedicate tens of thousands of volunteer hours to promoting and protecting the safety of their friends and neighbors.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the members, past and present, of the Coles District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. The dedication of these community volunteers has ensured that the Coles Department will remain a vibrant and robust organization, delivering vital services to residents during an emergency.

And to every member of the Coles District Volunteer Fire Department, I say, "Stay Safe."

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2847) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

MR. CROWLEY. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

The Commerce, Justice, Science appropriations bill makes investments that are important to hard-working families and vital to the well-being of local communities. It keeps cops on the beat, helps small and mid-size companies remain competitive in the global economy, and provides legal assistance to those unable to afford it. It also funds the census, and this year's bill includes \$7.4 billion in funding for the U.S. Census Bureau, matching the President's request.

Every decade, we recount our nation's population. The Commerce Department oversees this massive effort, and it is gearing up for the 2010 recount. The importance of the census cannot be overstated.

The census is not just a head count of our population, but a snapshot of how Americans are living, including their family relationships, economic status and much more. The data collected is incredibly important because it is used to help dictate how federal and state money is appropriated for health, education and transportation initiatives; to guide local planning decisions, such as where to build schools and roads; and to determine private business investments, such as where to locate a company or expand business.

There are, however, many challenges in conducting the census and 2010 will be even more difficult than in years past. Population growth means there are more people to count and more homes to visit. Furthermore, among immigrant and non-English speaking populations, there are fears of deportation, language barriers, and mistrust of government, which have left many areas of our country undercounted in the past.

We cannot let the past repeat itself. We have an obligation to our constituents to ensure they are counted in 2010. And, the \$7.4 billion in this bill for the U.S. Census Bureau will be used, in part, to raise awareness of the upcoming census, educate individuals on the importance of their participation, and teach people about the benefits that will come to their community as a result of their participation.

We must inform them that census workers are legally prohibited from reporting a resident's legal status. We must inform them that for the first time a bilingual form will be sent to neighborhoods with large Spanish speaking populations and, as before, the form will be available in other major languages. We must inform them that their participation will only serve to help them and their community.