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PRESS RELEASE

Sheriff's Office Announces Grant Awards Totaling \$157,054

"Grants such as these enable the Sheriff's Office to acquire specialized equipment and to provide extended services to the public without any additional cost to taxpayers" - Sheriff Lippa.

The Caroline County Sheriff's Office is proud to announce the recent acceptance of two grant awards.

The first grant award is from the Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Victim Discretionary Fund. This was an extremely competitive grant with the CCSO being one of a select few applications in the Commonwealth of Virginia to be awarded new funding. The grant, in the amount of \$95,054, will fund a special investigator position for the next two years. This investigator will devote all of their attention to crimes involving sexual or domestic violence. This special investigative position was created 18 months ago when the CCSO was awarded a similar grant through another agency. If not for this new grant award, this much needed position would have been eliminated at the end of March, 2011.

The second award announcement comes from the State Homeland Security Program. Under this

grant award the CCSO will be able to replace most of the components from an outdated "in-car" camera system and server. The current system, originally purchased from a grant in 2005, is no longer in production and has become too costly to repair and maintain. In addition to purchasing a new video server, up to \$52,000 in grant money will be used to purchase a state-of-the-art camera system by Panasonic. The funds will allow the replacement of several in-car camera systems in patrol vehicles and ultimately paves the way for a complete overhaul of the in-car video system.

The in-car camera can improve citizen's confidence in the police profession, enhance the ability to capture and convict violators, record inappropriate police behavior, and provide valuable data in our efforts to ensure homeland security. It is rapidly becoming documented that public safety benefits from having in-car video cameras available to

police officers.

Another \$10,000 from the Homeland Security Grant will be utilized to replace aging bullet proof vests and other personal protective equipment for certified law enforcement officers.

The Caroline County Sheriff's Office has received nearly a million dollars in grants over the last eight years and is constantly looking for new opportunities that would lead to an increase in services, newer equipment, and better resources - without the burden of requiring additional revenue from local government.

For more information on these programs or grants please call or stop by the Caroline County Sheriff's Office or visit www.carolinesheriff.org.