

Mahoney Gains Approval for Local Law Enforcement Funding

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(Washington, DC) - Congressman Tim Mahoney (FL-16) today announced that funding requests to improve local public safety has cleared a major hurdle by gaining approval from the House Appropriations Committee. The funding is included in the Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill, which is slated to come to the House floor for a vote in the next few weeks. The bill includes \$1.8 million for public safety funding requests in Hendry, Glades, Palm Beach, St. Lucie, Okeechobee, and Highlands Counties.

"This important funding will help our sheriffs and law enforcement officers get the resources and information they need to protect our community. These funds will be used to provide technology and equipment to improve emergency operations, offer gang awareness training for school police officers, improve public safety, and strengthen law enforcement. I am proud that funding for these projects has gained approval from the Appropriations Committee. I will continue to fight to make sure this funding stays in the bill when it comes to the House floor for a vote," said Congressman Tim Mahoney.

FY 2008 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Bill Projects:

\$265,000 - Hendry County Law Enforcement Communications Equipment -

Hendry County requested funding for providing much needed technology and equipment for the County's law enforcement personnel at the County EOC.

\$235,000-Glades County E911 Center Communications Equipment -

Glades County Sheriff's office requested funding to provide for new communications equipment that will allow for interoperable communications between local and state public safety units.

\$50,000- Next Generation: Communication/Information Technology Project -

St. Lucie County - Indian River Community College requested funding for developing a public safety training complex specializing in Incident Management Communications for Public Safety and Homeland Security.

\$500,000- ARISE Life-Management Skills Intervention/Re-entry Program -

Okeechobee and Highlands Counties - The ARISE Foundation requested funding for continuing and expanding juvenile justice facilities with specialized staff training.

\$450,000- Youth Gang Violence Prevention Initiative -

The Palm Beach County School District requested funding providing gang awareness training to school police officers.

\$300,000- Jupiter Law Enforcement Technology Initiative -

The Town of Jupiter requested funding for allowing northern Palm Beach County police agencies to tie into a federally developed network to share criminal information across traditional jurisdictional boundaries.

Congressman Mahoney's Appropriations Requests Policy:

Florida's 16th Congressional District (FL-16) will submit earmarks requested by local governments within the FL-16; requested by a federal agency in writing on behalf of a private company operating within FL-16; or requested by a not-for-profit in the FL-16 with the support of the local government in which the project is located. All requests will be reviewed and the determination of whether they will be submitted will be strictly based on their merits and are subject to the sole discretion of the Congressman.

Additional information is available at <http://www.mahoney.house.gov/>

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