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U.S. Department of Justice Office Awards \$188,512 Grant to Waterford Police Department and the Waterford School District for School Security Improvements

October 27, 2011, Waterford, Mich. – The U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) announced that the Waterford Police Department and Waterford School District are the recipients of a \$188,512 grant via the COPS Secure Our Schools Program. The COPS Office is a federal agency responsible for advancing community policing nationwide. This award will provide funds to improve security throughout the Waterford School District.

The Secure Our Schools Program will provide funding for security equipment including:

- Building surveillance cameras
- Bus surveillance cameras
- Bus tracking system utilizing GPS technology
- Amplification systems to increase radio signal coverage
- Knox boxes that provide access for first responders
- Alarm system upgrades

This is the third award for the Waterford Police Department and the Waterford School District, with the first award in 2008 and the second award in 2010. The U.S. Department of Justice awarded 93 grants in 32 states, with Waterford being the only award in Michigan.

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