

Rep. Brad Miller's Statement on Recovery and Reinvestment Act Money for Local Law Enforcement Officers

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Washington, D.C. - Today, the White House and Justice Department announced \$1 billion in grants to add officers to police departments across the country, including eight officers in the 13th Congressional District.

Rep. Brad Miller (NC-13) voted for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 which provides the grant funding for six new officers in Rockingham County - two for the Eden Police Department, one for the Town of Madison, two for the Reidsville Police Department and one for the Stoneville Police Department. In addition, the Roxboro Police Department in Person County will receive funding for two new officers.

"Our rural counties are making hard choices in a tough economy," said **Rep. Miller**. "This funding means loss of safety and protection in our communities doesn't have to be one of them."

The grants will be administered by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and will be awarded to 1046 law enforcement agencies

across the country. The grants will provide 100 percent of the approved salary and benefits for entry level officer positions over a three year period. Police departments receiving the grants will then be required to retain the grant funded positions for a fourth year. The funding provides much needed support to state and local government budgets, and will help the nation's law enforcement agencies add and retain the manpower needed to fight crime more effectively through community policing.

For more information about the grants, or to learn which law enforcement agencies received funding, please visit www.cops.usdoj.gov .

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