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**FEDERAL GRANT ASSISTS PUBLIC SAFETY**  
*APD CHIEF SAYS HOT SPOT ENFORCEMENT AMONG BENEFICIARIES*

Akron, Ohio (October 30, 2012) - The United States Department of Justice recently announced its allocations for the Fiscal Year 2011 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

The Akron Police Department received a nearly one hundred eighty thousand dollar (\$179,254.46) JAG Grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance. Bill Holland from the Summit County Sheriff's Office and Lori Pesci from the Summit County Emergency

Management Agency also worked with the City and applied for the same grant as a sub-applicant on behalf of Summit County, and will receive nearly forty thousand dollars (\$39,348.54) from the JAG program.

“This funding allows us to continue our successful ‘hot spot’ enforcement and address important training and equipment needs,” said Akron Police Chief James Nice. “Suffice to say, this is good news for us and for our community’s safety.” Chief Nice also acknowledged that the grant may be used for crime analysis purposes.

Today, Mayor Don Plusquellic is meeting in Washington with Justice Department officials in the Community-Oriented Policing program (COPS). The Mayor’s work with the federal agency on behalf of all cities has paid dividends for public safety in Akron. The COPS program has given nearly \$10 million dollars in grants to the City of Akron. Currently, the City is awaiting news on a COPS hiring grant request of \$5.7 million dollars for the hiring of 32 new officers.

Mayor Don Plusquellic said the JAG funding it received is important for continuity of operations. “This grant is coming at a time when our state budget is facing a massive shortfall, and as a result the State has implemented devastating local government funding cuts. Any funding that we can get to support our police force and their programs helps.”