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Johnson Secures Crime-Fighting Funds for Waterbury

Mayor Jarjura: New Gear Will Help "Identify and Eradicate Crime"

WATERBURY, CT – Congresswoman Nancy Johnson announced today she has helped secure \$500,000 in federal funds to support the Waterbury Police Department's crime fighting efforts.

"Our police officers deserve the latest technologies and equipment to do their jobs and protect their community," Johnson said. **"I fought hard for this funding because it will improve crime-fighting in the city while saving taxpayers money. I thank the Mayor and the police department for their continued dedication and service to Waterbury."**

In an April letter to Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Frank Wolf (R-VA), Johnson expressed her strong support for the funding, saying it "will allow the department to operate more effectively and save money at the same time."

The funds were included in the final Justice Department spending bill, which passed the House by a 397-18 vote this week. Specifically, the funds will go to purchase new laptops for police cruisers and technology upgrades, giving Waterbury officers the ability to retrieve critical, up-to-the-minute information while patrolling city neighborhoods. The final bill awaits Senate approval before going to the President's desk.

Planned upgrades will improve efficiency and reduce maintenance needs, and with the growth of the patrol fleet, more laptops are necessary to outfit all vehicles in the department's fleet, Johnson said.

"I am grateful to Congresswoman Johnson and the U.S. Department of Justice for these essential technology funds," said Waterbury Mayor Michael Jarjura this summer when the funding first passed the House. **"This federal funding will ensure that the men and women on the front line in the City of Waterbury have the most up-to-date information at their fingertips. Laptops will be installed in all of the vehicles and hardware will be purchased that will transmit data to help our officers identify and eradicate crime. We have one of the lowest crime rates in the state. This will help to maintain the level of excellence our residents have come to expect."**

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