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Colton Police Awarded COPS Hiring Recovery Program Grant

Date of Incident: 7/28/2009

Location of Incident: City of Colton

Summary:

On today's date the Colton Police Department was notified that it was awarded \$749,000 from the Federal Stimulus funds COPS Hiring Recovery Program Grant (CHRP), for the purpose of hiring and funding three (3) full time police officer positions, over three years. The grant, which followed a competitive process, will boost the number of sworn personnel in the police department that suffered losses due to the freezing of vacant officer positions and several retirements that occurred in the first half of this year. The police department had dropped from its allowed seventy-six (76) sworn officer positions to sixty-five (65). These three new positions are a positive step in helping maintain law enforcement service levels for the City, and keeping the department's goal of making the City of Colton a safe place to live, work, and visit.

Much more work will be needed in order to fill the positions now that the notification has been received. Approval from the City Council will be required in order to modify the 2009-2010 fiscal budget. Once approval is received the department will need to accept the award and begin the hiring procedure. Generally, the background process for a police officer could take up to six (6) months. Once hired, personnel will be required to attend a six (6) month P.O.S.T. approved training academy followed by a five (5) month field training program.

Must be approved by the Office of the Chief of Police prior to release
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