

Mattapoisett Police awarded \$35,000 Byrne Grant from the Baker-Polito Administration

The Mattapoisett Police is pleased to announce that the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Office of Grants Research has awarded the Mattapoisett Police Department \$35,575.25.

The Mattapoisett Police applied for the grant and was awarded monies to replace its present analog radios to the new P25 mission critical digital radios. Mattapoisett Police along with Fairhaven and Acushnet Police recently upgraded its base station infrastructure to a digital system and these radios will compliment the Mattapoisett Police to work with that system.

Governor Charlie Baker, Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito and Public Safety and Security Secretary Thomas Turco announced today that more than 160 law enforcement agencies will receive \$7.8 million in federal grant funding made possible through the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. These grants will provide access to equipment and strengthen training, crime prevention and enforcement initiatives across the Commonwealth.

“Our administration remains committed to maximizing federal resources to support the Commonwealth’s cities and towns,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “These grants will provide technology and equipment that enables the dedicated women and men in law enforcement to engage their communities in meaningful ways.”

The JAG program is the leading source of criminal justice funding awarded by the Department of Justice to state and

local jurisdictions. Local police departments, sheriffs, and the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) received a combined \$4.6 million in funding for several needs, including protective equipment and communications infrastructure.

“In big cities and small towns alike, these federal resources will bolster so much of what we do to help make our communities safer,” said Lieutenant Governor Polito. “These resources will also empower law enforcement to engage residents and respond effectively on behalf of victims and survivors.”

The Office of Grants and Research (OGR) within the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security serves as the State Administering Agency for federal funding from several sources, including the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.