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The High Point Police Department recently applied for and was awarded (on October 3rd, 2016) a COPS Office Grant. The Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant, from the U.S. Department of Justice, will allow the High Point Police Department to add eight (8) police officers to its force. As a result, the department will grow from two-hundred- thirty-nine (239) to two-hundred-forty-seven (247) sworn personnel. The grant covers up to seventy-five-percent (75%) of the approved entry-level salaries and fringe benefits of full-time officers for a thirty-six (36) month, three (3) year, award period with a required local cash match of twenty-five-percent (25%). The grant will cover a maximum federal share of \$125,000 per officer position. The total award amount from COPS to support the hiring of the eight officers is \$1,000,000.00.

The High Point Police Department's request for the eight (8) officers enhances its nationally recognized community policing activities. The U.S. Department of Justice required applicants to prioritize a crime problem and focus area to be addressed. The High Point Police Department will use the uniformed positions to bolster its efforts in high-crime areas applying an array of focused deterrence methods. High-crime areas are identified through crime analysis and hot spot mapping. Letters of Support for this competitive grant request were provided through the offices of Congresswoman Alma Adams, Senator Richard Burr and Congressman Mark Walker.

The officers assigned to these new positions will conduct activities/methods to include face-to-face contact with violent offenders and their families (Custom Notifications) supported by HPCAV (High Point Community Against Violence), clergy and community. The High Point Police Department will also continue to work with its Violent Crime Task Force Partners to address any enforcement activities deemed necessary. Task Force partners include a number of Federal, State and local agencies.

The High Point Police Department continues to utilize its community partners to engage and interact directly with violent offenders responsible for violent crime perpetrated in our community. We continue to engage offenders and their families to facilitate the community's moral voice so offenders can make rational choices and change their violent behavior as an alternative to incarceration. The High



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