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Leavenworth Police Department Receives Grant

(KAIR)--The Leavenworth Police Department received some good news Friday when U.S. Attorney Barry Grisson, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, or COPS announced funding awards for the District of Kansas.

The department will receive \$125,000 to help promote the safety of children as well as provide better protection against violent crime.

Attorney General Eric Holder says that steps need to be taken to ensure our kids are safe when they go to school, especially in the wake of recent tragedies.

The money will strengthen key law enforcement capabilities and provide the Leavenworth community with the resources they need to protect their kids.

The COPS Hiring Program offers grants to state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies to hire or rehire community policing officers. The program provides the salary and benefits for officer and deputy hires for three years.

Grantees for the 2013 hiring program were selected based on their fiscal needs, local crime rates, and their community policing plans. There was an additional focus this year on agencies requesting assistance in developing school safety programs that would include the hiring of a school resource officer. School resource officer positions funded by the COPS Office are sworn law enforcement positions that work within a school district or facility, interacting directly with school administrators and students.

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