



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Bradenton Police Department Equipment and Technology in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Bradenton Police Department, located at 100 10th street west Bradenton Florida, 34205.

The funding would be used to modernize public safety operations for the Bradenton Police Department through the acquisition of an integrated Next-Generation Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System, a new armored vehicle, a mobile command vehicle, and a hostage negotiations and crisis response vehicle, enhancing dispatch operations, emergency response coordination, and data sharing capabilities.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow the replacement of outdated systems and provide real-time mobile reporting and secure data access for officers in the field. Furthermore, funds will be used to acquire a new armored vehicle to replace the current one, which has exceeded its operational life. It will also be used to fund a mobile command vehicle that will allow command staff to establish on-scene command, control, and coordination during critical incidents. Lastly funds will be used for a dedicated hostage negotiations and crisis response vehicle equipped with modern communications, surveillance, and command-and-control technology to support the Hostage Negotiations Team during critical incidents.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(9)).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vern Buchanan".

Vern Buchanan
Member of Congress