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### HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

Mayor Carlo DeMaria Jr, Police Chief Steven Mazzie and Fire Chief David Butler announced today the receipt of a 1 million dollar federal grant for City of Everett Public Safety Personnel (police, fire, E911).

In 2006 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was awarded a 2 million dollar grant and 1 million of it was earmarked for Everett. This grant is a part of an Infrastructure Protection Program, which provides funds for prevention and protection programs against terrorist incidents.

The grant money will be used to upgrade communications equipment; improve telecommunications infrastructure; provide computer hardware and software for police, fire and 911; upgrades to the E911 center; Emergency Operations Center upgrades; specialized equipment for marine units, dive team and special operations units; and equipment purchases for supplies for a Citizens Corp.

“We’re pleased that the federal government has recognized the importance of our role in helping prevent, deter and respond to acts of terrorism against critical infrastructure” stated Mazzie. “This grant will enable us to be better prepared as a community to work with private industry for the safety of all.”

“I’m proud of the work the police department put in to get this grant together,” stated Mayor DeMaria, “I’m pleased that the Police and Fire Department are doing everything to be prepared, to protect the residents of this city.”

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