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Local Legislators Announce Federal COPS Grant Awarded to Ware Police Department

BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren), Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and Representative Donald R. Berthiaume (R-Spencer) are pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Justice has awarded the Ware Police Department funding through the Federal COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) Hiring Program. The Ware Police Department will be receiving \$125,000 to help pay officer salaries.

“I am very pleased to hear that the police department in our community was awarded these funds through the COPS program,” said Representative Smola. “The officers that will be available as a result of these funds will serve to increase both community and police safety.”

“I appreciate the assistance of our federal partner, Senator Elizabeth Warren, in assuring that the Ware Police Department receives funds that benefit the safety of the entire community. They are deserving of this competitive award.” said Senator Gobi.

“Congratulations to the Ware Police Department for securing a \$125,000 COPS grant” Representative Berthiaume said. “These funds will go a long way to increasing police presence and addressing the critical needs of the local law enforcement community.”

The primary goal of the COPS Hiring Program is to advance public safety through community policing. By addressing the full-time sworn officer needs of state and local law enforcement agencies, departments are able to address critical staffing demands. Funds from this program are distributed directly to police departments in order to hire

new and/or rehire career law enforcement officers, and to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts.

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