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Press Release
September 20, 2010

Somerset County Police Chiefs Association President William G. Parenti announced receiving a \$20 thousand grant award from Crime Stoppers of Somerset County. Chief Parenti said the grant would provide funding to purchase a variety of specialized equipment for County Law Enforcement Teams. The grant will provide funding for the purchase of an equipment decontamination system for use by all of the County Tactical Teams, upgrades to a "throw phone" for the County Crisis Negotiation Team, new uniforms for the SWAT team and for new masks and underwater photography equipment for the Dive Team. "This specialized equipment will improve the capability and effectiveness of the County Tactical Teams," Chief Parenti said.

Crime Stoppers is a partnership between the community, the media, and law enforcement. They provide a means of communication for members of the public and anonymously provide police departments with information on crimes or suspects. People can give information to Crime Stoppers without revealing their identity and they may be eligible for a financial reward for the information they provide through their "tipster" program.

"This grant award is an unprecedented level of commitment to prevention," Parenti said, "especially with the present financial difficulties plaguing municipalities and counties throughout the state. This is what makes private funding so important during these difficult economic times."

Law Enforcement Agencies throughout Somerset County assign officers to serve on the Special Tactical Teams. The Teams provide emergency response services to every municipality in Somerset County as needed. "We hope it gives the people at Crime Stoppers great satisfaction in knowing that this donation helps not just Law Enforcement but each and every person in Somerset County," Parenti said.

The Somerset County Police Chiefs Association would also like to give special recognition to Mr. Doug Kimmelman of Bernardsville for his tireless efforts in support of Crime Stoppers. Mr. Kimmelman served as the Founding Chairman of Crime Stoppers of Somerset County and recently stepped down to welcome Frank Aquila of Basking Ridge, NJ as the new Chairman. His vision helped shape Crime Stoppers and formed a partnership with all segments of Law Enforcement. Under his 5-year leadership, the organization gave safety equipment; tip rewards, educational programs for schools, tuition grants to attract minority police officers, and continuing education for county and

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local police officers. Chief Parenti said, "Police chiefs, police officers, and citizens throughout the County have benefited from the generosity of Crime Stoppers and we are very grateful for their thoughtfulness and generosity."

The Chief's Association will be presenting a plaque to Mr. Kimmelman at the Annual Crime Stoppers Golf Outing to be held on October 4, 2010 at the Neshanic Valley Golf Course in Branchburg Twp. Anyone wishing to attend the outing or the evening reception can contact Janet Linnus for information at 908-507-2404.

For further information regarding this press release contact Chief Kevin J. Valentine, Bernardsville Police Dept., Chief's Assn. Crime Stoppers Liaison at 908-766-0037 or Chief William Parenti, N. Plainfield Police Department.

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