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**DISTRICT ATTORNEY GREEN AND LOCAL POLICE CHIEFS  
SECURE GRANT TO AID IN CRIME PREVENTION**

Delaware County District Attorney G. Michael Green, accompanied by Upper Darby Police Department Superintendent Michael Chitwood, Darby Borough Police Chief Bob Smythe, and City of Chester Police Chief John Finnegan, advised Delaware County Council that the Department of Justice has awarded Delaware County, Darby Borough, the City of Chester, and Upper Darby Township a total award of \$84,950.00 under the Justice Assistance Grant Program administered by the United States Department of Justice. County Council, in a unanimous vote, approved the acceptance of the Federal funds and complemented the law enforcement leaders on their efforts to protect the citizens of Delaware County.

The Justice Assistance Grant Program, or "JAG" for short, is a grant program administered by the United States Department of Justice. The program was designed to efficiently direct tax dollars earmarked for crime prevention measures to county governments and designated local municipalities. "Since 2005, the first year the JAG grant was offered, Delaware County has been able to secure the federal funding by working closely with the designated local municipalities," said Green.

In 2005, the County and seven municipalities, including Ridley Township, Springfield Township, Yeadon Borough, Collingdale Borough, Darby Borough, the City of Chester, and Upper Darby Township, shared in a total grant award of \$217,751.00. According to District Attorney Green, "Over the last year, those municipalities have used the funds in their strident efforts to protect the public."

In 2006, the federal government renewed the JAG Program designating Delaware County, the City of Chester, Upper Darby Township, and Darby Borough as eligible recipients. Under District Attorney Green's leadership, together with Superintendent Chitwood and Chiefs Smythe and Finnegan, the County successfully applied for the available funds. District Attorney Green stated he "was pleased that the police departments selected by the government to receive these funds would be able to continue the good work begun in 2005."

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