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Justice Assistance Grant Addresses Violent Crime County-wide

(Stockton, CA) - The City of Stockton and San Joaquin County will be working together to combat gun violence in our community. The City and County have entered into an Interlocal Memorandum of Understanding agreement that will provide for a combined \$467,765 in the form of a 2011 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.

The grant funds will be used to establish a county-wide Firearms Reduction Consortium (FRC). The City of Stockton will hire a full-time Firearms Examiner who is a ballistics expert. In addition, the Stockton Police Department will purchase upgrades to the Integrated Ballistics Identification System (IBIS), a system used to evaluate, identify and track bullets from crime scenes. Funds will also be used by San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department, Probation Department, District Attorney's Office and City of Stockton Police Department to conduct at least 4 firearms sweeps, per year, throughout the County.

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“A primary contributing factor to our recent increase in violent crime is illegal firearms,” said Stockton Police Chief Blair Uling. “This grant will help provide resources essential to conducting county-wide collaborative investigations, making a difference in Stockton and throughout the County.”

The grant does not require a monetary contribution from the City and County.

For additional information, please contact the Officer Pete Smith, Stockton Police Department, at (209) 937-8209.

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