

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Late Tuesday night, the Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Subcommittee of the House of Representatives approved \$250,000 for the Leominster and Chester Police Departments in the FY 2011 Commerce Justice Science Appropriations Bill. This funding would be used to replace outdated, ineffective computer systems in the police stations and police cars.

“It is important that the Leominster and Chester Police Departments have the most up to date desk top and in-car laptop computers,” said Olver. “This funding will provide for technology in the stations and in the cruisers that will allow officers to access crucial information quickly,” Olver added.

“With the current fiscal situation, this funding means so much to the City of Leominster. The upgrading of this equipment is critical to the safety of our police officers and will allow them to maintain a high level of public safety for our businesses and residents. We are very grateful to Congressman Olver for his continued efforts on behalf of our City,” said Leominster Mayor Dean Mazzarella.

“This is great news for Chester. This funding will significantly help the Department with seriously needed technology and equipment upgrades,” said Chester Chief of Police Daniel Ilnicky.

The FY 2011 Commerce Justice Science Appropriations Bill now awaits consideration by the full House and Senate.

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