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## Local Legislators Announce Public Safety Grant for **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 Ware Police Department has been awarded \$50,000 through the Commonwealth Security Trust Fund. These funds will be used to design and develop a response plan to an active shooter scenario.

"I am very pleased that the Ware Police Department has been awarded this competitive grant," said Representative Smola. "We are privileged to have such dedicated individuals serving our community."

"Congratulations to the Ware Police Department on being awarded this competitive grant," said Senator Gobi. "Being properly prepared for the worst can ultimately save lives. The dedicated police officers in Ware continue to be leaders in public safety."

The Commonwealth Security Trust Fund is financed through the sale of "United We Stand" license plates. The proceeds from these sales are used to pay for the maintenance of public safety memorials outside of the State House and to assist local police and fire departments enhance their emergency response capabilities. The board which oversees the Trust Fund evaluates applications from local municipalities and awards these public safety grants every few years when the account has generated sufficient capital.

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