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Representative Smola Announces Federal Grants for Highway Safety, Crime Prevention and Education Initiatives

BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is pleased to announce that several local law enforcement agencies will receive federal funding through the Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. These grants will provide access to equipment and strengthen training, crime prevention and enforcement initiatives across Massachusetts.

The JAG program is the leading source of criminal justice funding awarded by the Department of Justice to state and local jurisdictions. This funding is allocated for several needs, including protective equipment and communications infrastructure. As part of the program, Holland will receive \$32,104; Palmer will receive \$31,200; Sturbridge will receive \$25,125; Wales will receive \$23,552; and Warren will receive \$18,404.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration provides funds for traffic enforcement campaigns, safety equipment, and non-enforcement activities by local police. All the initiatives contribute to reducing vehicle crashes and the resulting injuries and loss of life. As part of the program, Brimfield will receive \$11,742; Holland will receive \$7,162; and Sturbridge will receive \$11,970.

“As we approach the holidays, these additional resources will help keep our communities safe and encourage people to make smart decisions while out on the road,” said Representative Smola. “I’m always appreciative for the vital services that our local police officers provide.”

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