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## **Governor Blagojevich announces nearly \$800,000 for in-car police equipment in Central Illinois**

*Police, sheriff's departments will use new mobile data systems to instantly update police records, enhance public and police safety*

**CHICAGO** — Governor Rod Blagojevich today announced nearly \$800,000 in federal grants to allow Illinois municipal, county, and statewide law enforcement agencies in Central Illinois to acquire in-car computer data equipment to help improve access to criminal records during traffic stops and enhance public and police safety.

“These grants will help hundreds of law enforcement agencies acquire state-of-the-art technology that will provide them with critical information whenever they make a traffic stop. This will in turn help improve public safety across Central Illinois,” Governor Blagojevich said.

The funds are part of a \$3.6 million grant administered by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA). Anti-Drug Abuse Act funding will be distributed to 295 police and county sheriff’s departments across the state, and Illinois State Police (ISP).

A total of \$796,687 was allocated to agencies in Central Illinois. Another \$898,676 was granted to ISP for use statewide.

With in-car data entry capability, these systems can provide up-to-the-minute access to information that can ensure both police and public safety. In addition to data access, law enforcement officers can use the terminals for note taking and report writing, as well as wirelessly entering incident, accident, and arrest information. Data entered becomes instantly available to other officers using LEADS.

Funding was allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Some agencies that received funding had no in-car computers and relied on radio communication to obtain vital information during

traffic stops and other police situations. Other departments will use the funding to upgrade equipment they already have or purchase additional systems.

“It is important for police to be able to exercise appropriate discretion in handling individuals they confront,” said ICJIA Executive Director Lori G. Levin. “We will continue to develop and support funding initiatives that will keep police safe in their efforts to protect the public.”

The following Central Illinois police and sheriff’s departments received grant funding:

#### ADAMS COUNTY

Quincy Police Department--\$10,200

#### BROWN COUNTY

Brown County Sheriff’s Department--\$2,034

#### CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

Champaign County Sheriff’s Department--\$9,287

Mahomet Police Department--\$6,007

#### CHRISTIAN COUNTY

Morrisonville Police Department--\$5,442

Moweaqua Police Department--\$10,948

Taylorville Police Department--\$9,545

#### CLARK COUNTY

Clark County Sheriff’s Department--\$10,887

#### COLES COUNTY

Charleston Police Department--\$10,632

Mattoon Police Department--\$11,682

#### CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Tolono Police Department--\$7,525

Greenup Police Department--\$3,972

Neoga Police Department--\$12,285

#### DE WITT COUNTY

Clinton Police Department--\$7,648

Dewitt County Sheriff’s Department--\$12,695

#### DOUGLAS COUNTY

Douglas County Sheriff’s Department--\$9,354

#### EDGAR COUNTY

Chrisman Police Department--\$3,456

#### FORD COUNTY

Paxton Police Department--\$10,500

HANCOCK COUNTY

Hamilton Police Department--\$10,091

HENDERSON COUNTY

Henderson County Sheriff's Department--\$14,409

IROQUOIS COUNTY

Clifton Police Department--\$5,391

Iroquois County Sheriff's Department--\$10,369

JERSEY COUNTY

Grafton Police Department--\$6,953

Jersey County Sheriff's Department--\$11,232

KNOX COUNTY

Abingdon Police Department--\$14,453

East Galesburg Police Department--\$7,136

Galesburg Police Department--\$16,376

Knox County Sheriff's Department--\$16,513

Yates City Police Department--\$7,136

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Dwight Police Department--\$10,878

Pontiac Police Department--\$4,117

Pontiac Police Department--\$13,801

LOGAN COUNTY

Atlanta Police Department--\$10,782

Lincoln Police Department--\$9,441

MACON COUNTY

Decatur Police Department--\$9,432

Warrensburg Police Department--\$5,225

MACOUPIN COUNTY

Staunton Police Department--\$9,751

MADISON COUNTY

Bethalto Police Department--\$10,834

Collinsville Police Department--\$10,632

Granite City Police Department--\$6,871

Madison County Sheriff's Department--\$11,988

Madison Police Department--\$9,960

Roxana Police Department--\$9,060

St. Jacob Police Department--\$5,616

MARSHALL COUNTY

Marshall County--\$5,157

Wenona Police Department--\$5,391

#### MCDONOUGH COUNTY

Bushnell Police Department--\$10,806  
Colchester Police Department--\$6,452  
Macomb Police Department--\$9,927

#### MCLEAN COUNTY

Danvers Police Department--\$4,974  
Heyworth Police Department--\$9,896  
Stanford Police Department--\$5,474

#### MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Hillsboro Police Department--\$9,490  
Taylor Springs Police Department--\$6,356

#### MORGAN COUNTY

Chapin Police Department--\$4,459  
City of Jacksonville--\$8,918  
Meredosia Police Department--\$10,002  
Morgan County Sheriff's Department--\$8,923  
South Jacksonville Police Department--\$8,917

#### PEORIA COUNTY

Bartonville Police Department--\$17,211  
Chillicothe Police Department--\$17,524  
Glasford Police Department--\$8,628  
Peoria Police Department--\$9,624  
Peoria Heights Police Department--\$8,836

#### PIKE COUNTY

Pike County Sheriff's Department--\$10,821

#### SANGAMON COUNTY

Auburn Police Department--\$14,124  
Divernon Police Department--\$5,321  
Grandview Police Department--\$10,107  
Leland Grove Police Department--\$5,309  
Loami Police Department--\$7,747  
Pleasant Plains Police Department--\$8,449  
Sangamon County Sheriff's Department--\$14,320  
Sherman Police Department--\$11,007  
Thayer Police Department--\$7,766

#### TAZEWELL

Deer Creek Police Department--\$8,775  
Minier Police Department--\$11,097  
Village of Morton--\$7,973  
Pekin Police Department--\$3,184  
Springfield Police Department--\$15,217

Washington Police Department--\$9,930

VERMILION COUNTY

Rossville Police Department--\$10,932

WARREN COUNTY

Monmouth Police Department--\$14,230

WOODFORD COUNTY

El Paso Police Department--\$8,444

Eureka Police Department--\$3,713

Metamora Police Department--\$3,655

Minonk Police Department--\$5,691

Woodford Sheriff's Department--\$6,364

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