



City of MUNCIE

MUNCIE, INDIANA

Sharon McShurley, Mayor

February 26, 2010

The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: COPS Technology request

Dear Senator Lugar:

I write to request your support for a COPS Technology project for the City of Muncie, Indiana for the FY 2011 appropriations process.

The Muncie Police Department's foremost objective is to keep our community safe from crime. To keep crime at bay and keep our citizens safe, the most modern law enforcement technology is required. Laptop computers provide our law enforcement personnel the portability necessary to combat crime in real-time. Laptops can be used in any number of scenarios – from roll call to the patrol car to a crime scene to a complainant's location. These features provide tremendous opportunities to reduce the time that law enforcement officers spend each day returning to the office to complete paperwork. Desk top computers are just as essential in the completion of case work and other daily responsibilities.

Modern software programs require the latest computer model with the compatibility features and extensive memory capabilities to run properly. The software program iRecord, used for digital video/audio recording of interviews, will enable our department to be in compliance with the new Evidence Rule 617 offered by the Indiana Supreme Court requiring electronic audio-video recordings of all suspect interrogations. In addition, the software program Vista FX3 Pro Recon will provide our traffic division with the latest advances in accident reconstruction to expedite investigations and minimizing inaccuracy.

To achieve our goals of acquiring the technology previously mentioned, the MPD Enhanced Technology Initiative was created in hopes to find available funding to obtain these essential tools. We are requesting \$224,900 to bolster our MPD Enhanced Technology Initiative and provide our officers with the hardware and software necessary to keep our community safe.

We appreciate your support for this important project and I look forward to discussing it with you when I am in Washington on March 10th.

Sincerely,

Sharon McShurley
Mayor