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**MOORE ANNOUNCES GRANTS TO RE-HIRE WORCESTER POLICE, FIRE FIGHTERS**

**Worcester** – Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) announced the administration will release \$1,961,075 in federal stimulus funds to rehire 25 Worcester Police officers, and \$623,981 in a second round of funding to help the Worcester Fire Department hire 9 additional fire fighters.

“I am very pleased that this funding has become available to help re-hire Worcester police, and add new fire fighters to the force,” said Sen. Moore. “While the overall need for emergency services has certainly not declined, our police and firefighters have had resources pulled out from under them due to budget constraints, and have been subject to layoffs. This funding will help restore those jobs and keep Worcester residents safe.”

Today’s announcement marks the first round of awards to police departments and the second round to fire departments from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Police grants are supported by Department of Justice/Byrne Grants and firefighters grants are funded through discretionary stimulus funds the administration set aside specifically to help fire departments address staffing reductions caused by the current recession.

Police departments will receive \$6.2 million. 147 cities and towns previously received a combined total of \$15,749,229 in police grants directly from ARRA earlier this year.

The administration will direct \$11.6 million to fire departments across the Commonwealth. Because the ARRA program does not include staffing grants for fire departments, the Governor set aside funds specifically to retain and rehire fire fighters in communities throughout Massachusetts earlier this year. The federal Recovery Act does make \$210 million available nationally for fire departments to compete for grants to support the renovation and construction of local fire stations.

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