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**Brockport Police Department Receives Grant Awards;
State Funds Received for Equipment Purchases, Traffic Safety Initiatives**

Chief Daniel Varrenti is pleased to announce that the Brockport Police Department has recently received equipment and training funds from several recent grant applications. The grant funds, totaling over \$50,000, will enhance traffic safety, police response, community relations, and other services provided by the Brockport Police Department.

In April of 2008, the department received confirmation on a \$17,100 grant for a license plate reader. A license plate reader is a state of the art piece of equipment that consists of two cameras that are mounted on the police car. The cameras regularly capture license plates of vehicles, feed them into a computer located within the police car and then provide virtually instantaneous readouts relevant to suspensions, insurance lapses and other vehicle related violations. This was the largest in a series of three traffic safety oriented grants the department received in the spring of 2008. In addition to the license plate reader, funds in the amount of \$4,500 from the Governor's Traffic Safety Board will be directed towards aggressive driving personnel details and \$4,700 in member item funding from Assemblyman Bill Reilich that will be used for speed sentry traffic devices that read and display the speed of cars.

Lastly, in May of 2008, Senator Maziarz and Assemblyman Reilich jointly announced that they were able to secure a \$25,000 cost-reimbursement grant for the acquisition of a police patrol vehicle for use in crime response and routine patrol activities.

"We could not be happier with the support, both financial and otherwise, that our representatives have provided the Brockport Police Department," said Chief Varrenti. Furthermore, Chief Varrenti commended the Police Department's grant writer, Kelly Smith, and her direct supervisor Sgt. Mark Philippy, for writing and securing the grant applications. "I think Kelly, through her many successful grant applications, has paid for her services many times over," said Varrenti, "and I'm confident there will be many more good things to come from additional grant writing efforts."

"Provide a high quality of life for all residents, exercising fiscal responsibility and preserving Brockport's unique heritage and historic character."