



Belleville Township receives grant funds and equipment to support public safety initiatives

Belleville, NJ, October 9, 2008: Belleville Township has been awarded \$74,939 in grant funds, as well as surveillance equipment, to improve public safety within the Township.

- **New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety Grant**

Belleville Police Department received \$58,935 from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety to enforce its third year of comprehensive highway traffic safety initiatives, which will include targeted enforcement efforts geared toward reducing drunk driving, aggressive driving, hand held cell phone use while driving, and the number of unbuckled motorists. These programs will be implemented throughout the year with periodic highly-publicized crackdowns that align with statewide enforcement campaigns. In addition, police will continue to teach a child passenger safety class for new parents at Clara Maass Medical Center.

- **G.R.E.A.T. Grant**

Belleville received \$16,004 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance to implement the G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) Program, a school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curriculum in Belleville's 4th and 5th grade classes. The program's primary objective is prevention and is intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership. G.R.E.A.T. lessons focus on providing life skills to students to help them avoid delinquent behavior and violence to solve problems. Belleville was one of five communities in New Jersey to receive the award.

- **C.E.D.A.P. Grant**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, through its Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program, also has announced that Belleville has been selected to receive a portable camera to enhance its surveillance, search, and emergency rescue operations.

All grant applications were written by Bruno Associates, Inc.