



Brick Township receives \$280,304 to install communications security system in five schools

Brick, NJ, October 16, 2008: Mayor Steve Acropolis is proud to announce that Brick Township has been awarded \$280,304 in grant funds from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) to install communications equipment in five Brick schools, as well as its network of buses. This was the largest amount awarded in the state and the 7th largest in the country.

The following schools — Brick Memorial High School, Brick Township High School Lake Riviera Middle School, Veterans Memorial Middle School, and Lanes Mill Elementary School — will be equipped with bidirectional amplifiers with antennas spread throughout them, and the buses will be equipped with a digital GPS system and GPS radios.

The installation of this equipment will improve the overall capability of the Brick Police Department, as well as the Brick Office of Emergency Management, to better manage and control resources related to school safety and security. Currently, two-way communications is haphazard because of the present lack of equipment needed to boost the integrity of the communications network.

“The need for efficient, reliable and effective communications is imperative because of the day-to-day use of Brick’s schools by students, faculty and the community-at-large,” said Nils Bergquist, Jr., Chief of Police. “The current situation is very dangerous and can be life-threatening because communications is extremely unreliable and/or virtually nonexistent.”

This grant application was written by Bruno Associates, Inc.

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