

## **Rep. Slaughter Hails Additional Recovery Money for Rochester and Niagara Falls Police Departments**

**Washington, DC** – Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chairwoman of the House Committee on Rules, announced today that Western New York will receive \$6,884,010 for the hiring and rehiring of law enforcement officials in Niagara Falls and Rochester. The funding will come from grant funds created by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

**“I am pleased Western New York will receive these funds to keep our men and women in uniform protecting our communities,”** said Rep. Slaughter. **“Make no mistake, this is about saving jobs of the men and women who protect our communities day in and day out; they deserve our full support.”**

At a time when local budgets are being cut, the grant program keeps law enforcement professionals on the streets without a strain to local property taxpayers.

The Rochester Police Department will receive \$5,831,550, enough to keep 30 officers on their beat for 3 years.

The Niagara Falls Police Department will receive \$1,052,460 which protects 5 officers for 3 years.

The Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Recovery Program provides 100 percent of the approved salary and benefits for these officers for 3 years. It also requires both police departments to retain the grant-funded position for a fourth year.

This new funding builds upon \$675,000 that Rep. Slaughter secured earlier this year for the City of Rochester's "zero tolerance" anti-crime initiative. This funding is enabling the Rochester City Police Department to intensify the traffic and pedestrian patrol detail, improve the City's ability to track the movement of narcotics, and provide technical support for the Police Department's staff.

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