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DATE: June 20, 2011

TO: Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey
James R. Ryan, City Administrator
City Council Members

FROM: Chet Epperson, Chief of Police

RE: 2011 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

The Rockford Police Department, in conjunction with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department is submitting an application for grant funding through the Department of Justice. I have enclosed the following document for your review. If you have any comments or questions on the proposed budget or program expenditure, please feel free to contact me.

The grant is called the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, which the Police Department has received in the past. Funding allows us to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on our own local needs. This grant is a shared opportunity with Winnebago County.

The Department will be designating these funds to several areas in need. In 2011 – 2012 the Department will hire new officers, promote new sergeants, lieutenants, and potential new senior-level command staff. In addition, the Department will initiate a Pilot Police District and begin the de-centralization of police services. Due to the cultural change along with new recruits and promotions, a leadership development program will be built to assist new hires, promotions, and our current work force in contemporary policing strategies. In our efforts to transform from an organization that was highly reactive, to one that deploys resources strategically and better adapt to our changing environment, the 2011 JAG will be directed toward consulting and training to support this upcoming process improvement.

Planned expenditures will be subject to public comment through July 15th. A posting on the City's website will also be made.

Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant – 2011
\$ 255,200

Winnebago County Sheriff's Department

\$102,080 (40%)

The Sheriff's Department's intention for use of the JAG funds is to purchase equipment and software for law enforcement use.

Rockford Police Department

\$153,120 (60%)

Due to the cultural change along with new recruits and promotions, a leadership development program will be built to assist new hires, promotions, and our current work force in contemporary policing strategies. Funds will be requested for Community Policing training for all new and promoted staff. Process improvement training will be requested and required for all promoted staff to meet the upcoming challenges within our community.