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City of Barberton Receives COPS Hiring Grant

Barberton, OH (November 6, 2023) – Barberton Mayor William B. Judge and his Administration are pleased to announce that the City of Barberton Police Department has been selected as a recipient of a grant from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) in the amount of \$250,000. The money comes from a total of over \$216 million being awarded through the Department of Justice, which will put more than 1,700 new police officers in communities across the country. These grants are being received by nearly 400 police departments across the country to help them hire more officers.

The mission of the COPS Office is to advance community policing nationwide. The office prioritizes this by supporting state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies as they carry out vital public safety missions. The City of Barberton will be using the grant money to hire additional police officers with the greater goal of reducing crime and building trust between law enforcement and the Barberton community.

“The COPS Hiring Program grant is going to strengthen our public safety efforts in Barberton by allowing our Police Department to take creative approaches to prevent crime,” stated Mayor Judge. “Thank you to Chief Morber and his staff for working proactively and collectively with my Administration to secure this grant money.”

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