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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES
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COPS

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Chief of Police Brian Allen
Sparks Police Department
1701 East Prater Way
Sparks, NV 89434

Re: COPS Hiring Program Grant
ORI#: NV01602

Dear Chief of Police Allen :

Congratulations! On behalf of Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch, I am pleased to inform you that the COPS Office has approved your agency under the 2015 COPS Hiring Program (CHP). The *estimated* amount of federal funds to be awarded to your jurisdiction over the three-year grant period is \$250,000. Your agency may use CHP grant funding to hire new officers or rehire officers who have been laid off, or scheduled to be laid off on a specific future date, as a result of local budget reductions, on or after the official grant award start date. Please note that any changes to the awarded hiring categories require an official review and approval by the COPS Office. For a complete list of awarded agencies and award amounts, please visit our website at:

<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2367>.

To officially accept and begin your COPS Hiring Program grant, your agency must access www.cops.usdoj.gov and select the Account Access link in the upper right corner to log in, review, and electronically sign the Award Document (including Grant Terms and Conditions) and any special conditions as applicable. In addition, if your agency was awarded funding for School Resource Officers, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) must be signed by the law enforcement executive and designated representative for the school/school district and submitted to the COPS Office for review. Additional details about the process and deadline for MOU submission will be provided in a subsequent document. This document, along with your Award Document and official Award Congratulatory Letter, will be placed in your online account on or around October 1, 2015.

In order to electronically sign your Award Document, the appropriate Account Roles, with E-Signature and User Permissions must be established and assigned in Agency Portal. The Agency Portal Instruction Manual currently available on the COPS website at <http://cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/UserGuide.pdf> has been enhanced to include a Quick Step Guide. This guide will provide your agency with all of the information needed to successfully establish Account Roles and assign User Permissions in preparation to sign the Award Document as well as manage many aspects of your COPS grant online. Please review and follow these steps carefully as this is the only method for signing your Award Document.

The CHP grant award start date is **September 1, 2015**. Therefore, your agency can be reimbursed for allowable and approved expenditures made on or after this date. Please be advised that some of your requested items may not have been approved by the COPS Office during the budget review process. When you receive your award package, please carefully review your Financial Clearance Memorandum (FCM) to determine your approved budget, as grant funds may only be used for approved items. The FCM will specify the final award amount, and will also identify any disallowed costs. We strongly encourage you to visit <http://cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2367> immediately to access a supplemental online award package that contains a variety of important and helpful documents that will assist you with the implementation of your grant, including the 2015 CHP Grant Owner's Manual, which specifies the programmatic and financial terms, conditions, and requirements of your grant. Please print out a copy of your application and maintain it with your grant file records.

As a reminder, all positions awarded under CHP (or an equal number of veteran officers) must initiate or enhance community policing in accordance with the community policing strategy as described within Section 6 of your application. If, for any reason, your agency finds that your community policing strategies have significantly changed from those outlined in your application (e.g., because you received fewer officers than originally requested and thus must alter the scope of your community policing strategies), please revise the strategy accordingly and submit it to the COPS Office for review and approval.

As part of the 2015 COPS Hiring Program, your agency will be required to submit quarterly Federal Financial Reports (SF-425) as well as quarterly program progress reports. CHP grantees should be prepared to track and report CHP funding separately from other funding sources (including other COPS and federal grants) to ensure accurate financial and programmatic reporting on a timely basis. Your agency should ensure that you have financial internal controls in place to monitor the use of CHP funding and ensure that its use is consistent with the grant terms and conditions. In addition, your agency will be required to complete the Community Policing Self-Assessment Tool (CP-SAT) at the beginning and again towards the end of the grant award period.

Also, please remember that grantees must retain all sworn officer positions awarded under the 2015 CHP grant for a minimum of 12 months following the 36-month federal funding period. The retained CHP-funded position(s) should be added to your law enforcement budget with state and/or local funds, over and above the number of locally-funded positions that would have existed in the absence of the grant. In your 2015 CHP grant application, your agency was required to affirm that it plans to retain the additional officer positions awarded following the expiration of the grant, and to identify the planned sources of retention funding. If, during the life of the grant, you have questions regarding the retention requirement or your retention funding sources, please contact the COPS Office for assistance.

We look forward to working with your agency in a productive partnership to further your community policing efforts. If you have any questions about your grant, please do not hesitate to call your Grant Program Specialist through the COPS Office Response Center at 1-800-421-6770.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Davis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "R." and the last name "Davis" clearly distinguishable.

Ronald L. Davis
Director