

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Last night, the Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Subcommittee of the House of Representatives approved \$200,000 for the Southwick Police Department in the FY 2011 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Bill. The funding would replace the antiquated and unreliable emergency communications transmission systems on which the department currently relies.

“This funding gives Southwick a ‘dedicated line’ to ensure that in the event of an emergency or major catastrophe, the police department will be able to communicate with residents quickly and effectively,” said Olver. “The improved technology provides real time access to critical data via computer links, connecting Southwick to the surrounding communities and allowing the department to more effectively coordinate across town lines” Olver added.

“The Southwick Police Department is pleased to hear our request for funding to replace an antiquated radio transmission system with a technological advanced microwave radio transmission system has passed the first hurdle of the funding process,” said Southwick Police Chief Mark Krynicki. “Replacement of the current emergency radio transmission system with state of the art technology will drastically improve the quality of radio communications, provide a more reliable radio system, and increase the safety of police, fire, and EMS personnel. The microwave radio system will allow for interoperable communications between Southwick and various municipal, state, and federal agencies,” said Krynicki.

“The new radio transmission system will also provide a solid base for future expansion for the next twenty-five (25) years. Congressman Olver’s support is greatly appreciated by the Town of Southwick,” added Krynicki.

The new communications transmissions system is projected to have an annual cost savings of \$10,000. The FY 2011 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Bill now awaits consideration by the full House and Senate.

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