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Fairmont Police Department Awarded COPS Grant  
*Two officers to be hired with 2014 COPS Hiring Program*

FAIRMONT, WV- September 30, 2014- The Fairmont Police Department has been awarded a Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant to hire two officers. The 2014 COPS Hiring Program states it will provide 75% funding for approved entry-level salaries and benefits for three years for newly-hired full-time positions or for rehired officers who have been laid off or are scheduled to be laid off on a future date. The Fairmont Police Department has been awarded \$250,000 over the course of the three-year grant period.

“We will utilize the funds to put two police officers that will work with the schools inside the city; one at East Fairmont Middle School and one at West Fairmont Middle School,” said Chief of Police Kelley Moran. The City of Fairmont has an ongoing partnership with the Marion County Board of Education to come up with the matching grant funds. The newly-hired officers will be School Resource and Safety Officers for each of the middle schools.

Fairmont is one of four police departments in West Virginia to receive the grant. “We are very pleased that our city will be receiving a part of these funds, protecting our community is very important and we want to provide the safest schools and neighborhoods possible for Fairmont residents,” City Manager Jay Rogers said. The two new positions will bring the Police Department’s staffing from 36 officers to 38.

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