

GALVESTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
NEWS RELEASE
JULY 30TH, 2009

On Tuesday, July 28th, 2009 The Galveston County Sheriff's Office received an unofficial notice as part of press release from Vice President, Joe Biden and Attorney General Holder announcing the Recovery Act Funding for Texas to support Law Enforcement. The Recovery Act Funds are to add Police Officers in Texas; Build Safer Communities will be administered by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) through the federal agency's COPS Hiring Program.

Galveston County Sheriff's Office is scheduled to receive \$1,816,155.00 for nine (9) deputies. Six (6) of the deputies will be assigned as School Liaison Officers within the Clear Creek ISD program. The other three (3) deputies will be Special Crimes Investigators who will be assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division of the Sheriff's office to address Narcotics, Organized Crime, Illegal Gambling, Vice and other type offenses that may require covert investigative techniques.

In addition, to the COPS grant the Sheriff's Office has applied for a covert intelligence reduction program equipment grant through HGAC in the amount of \$150,000.00. This equipment will assist investigator gather the evidence necessary to prosecute suspects of these type crimes.

Sheriff Poor is committed to reducing the number of crimes as they relate to the crime rate across the county and to enable the Sheriff's office to assist other police agencies within the county with similar crime issues.