

## Castle Announces More than \$10 Million in Homeland Security Grants Awarded to Delaware -- May 31, 2006

Wilmington, DE -- Delaware Congressman Castle today announced more than \$10 million in Homeland Security grants that will be awarded to Delaware for FY 2006 for the State Homeland Security Program, Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program and the Citizen Corps Program.

"I have always said that Delaware has excellent emergency preparedness operations in place, but adequate funding is needed to constantly improve and advance those preparations in light of the possibility of various threats to our State. The fact that we are centrally located on Amtrak's northeast corridor, not to mention our key shipping ports and industrial sites along the Delaware River and Bay, makes it clear that our region must continue to be among the Homeland Security Department's key security priorities. The funding announced today is crucial to ensuring local governments are adequately prepared to work side by side with federal officials to prevent and respond to acts of terrorism in this country," Castle said.

According to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) is a primary funding source for building homeland security capabilities that support the Interim Preparedness Goal at the State and local levels. Grant allocations are based on an analysis of relative risk at the State and Urban area level as well as an assessment of the anticipated effectiveness of grant applicants' proposed solutions to meet identified needs, as determined by peer reviewers.

An outline of Delaware's funding is copied below:

State Homeland Security Program allocation: \$6.07 million

According to DHS, this allocation is designed to fund State Homeland Security Strategy implementation activities to build capability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events.

Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program: \$4.05 million

According to DHS, this allocation focuses on law enforcement and public safety activities to prevent terrorist attacks through such activities as intelligence gathering, information sharing, and target hardening.

Citizen Corps Program: \$176,370

According to DHS, this allocation promotes citizen preparedness and engages citizens in all-hazards prevention, protection, response and recovery.