

## Delegation Announces More Than \$6.6 Million in Homeland Security Grants -- July 19, 2007

Washington, D.C. -- Delaware's Congressional Delegation, Senators Joe Biden (D - DE) and Tom Carper (D - DE) and Congressman Mike Castle (R - DE) today announced more than \$6.6 million in federal funds through the FY 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) works to enhance the ability of state and local governments to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks and other disasters. The Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) aids in this mission by providing funds for building and sustaining national preparedness capabilities. From the five programs of the HSGP, Delaware was selected to receive funding from three.

Funding breaks down as follows:

- \$3.82 million from the State Homeland Security Grant Program, which will assist the state and local levels through planning, equipment, and training activities;
- \$2.73 million through Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program, which provides resources to law enforcement and public safety communities to support critical terrorism prevention activities; and
- \$133,613 from the Citizen Corps Grant Program, which brings community and government leaders together to coordinate community involvement in emergency preparedness, planning, mitigation, response, and recovery.

"Local responders are our first line of defense against terror," said Sen. Biden. "Ensuring that they have everything they need to defend our families must be our highest priority - no ifs, ands, or buts about it."

A member of the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee, Sen. Carper said, "We need to do whatever we can to help keep Delawareans safe. We will continue to provide all the help we can to the first responders who put their lives on the line every day to provide for our safety."

"Whether responding to destructive tornados and flooding, or sending ambulances and personnel to New York City on 9/11, our first responders have gone to great lengths to keep Delawareans safe. These funds bolster those efforts to maintain our level of preparedness," Rep. Castle said.

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