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# News Release

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## **Batesburg-Leesville Police Receive BJA Funding to Purchase Bullet Proof Vests**

**Batesburg-Leesville, S.C. (Sept 9/14:00 p.m.)** – The Batesburg-Leesville Police Department receive funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to purchase bullet proof vests.

The Batesburg-Leesville Police Department recently applied for and received funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) through the Bulletproof Vest Partnership program. For fiscal year 2015-2017, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has awarded \$4,796.62 through a 50/50 matching grant that will be used to provide funding toward the purchase of up to 15 bullet proof vests for officers of the department over the next two years. These vests will be purchased for newly hired officers or to replace outdated bullet proof vests. This latest Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) grant is the third such consecutive grant awarded to the Batesburg-Leesville Police Department to purchase bullet proof vests. The Batesburg-Leesville Police Department has been awarded periodic grant funding since the early 1990's specifically for the purchase of bullet proof vests. In the past, the Bulletproof Vest Partnership program, other related programs, as well as private donations from local companies and citizens have been a tremendous asset that has provided financial assistance to help offset the budgetary shortfalls to purchase this critical item of equipment used by law enforcement officers during the course of their daily duties to help keep them safe.

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