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Federal Stimulus Money Sent to Utah to Hire Additional Police Officers

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH – Mayor Ralph Becker and Salt Lake City Police Chief Chris Burbank are pleased to announce Utah's capital city has received over \$2 million in federal stimulus money to hire 10 additional police officers.

The City was awarded the funding on July 28, 2009 under the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Recovery Program.

"This stimulus money will support Salt Lake City's commitment to public safety," stated Mayor Becker. "We now have the funding to add more patrol officers to our force and increase our ability to serve our daytime population, which almost doubles every day."

"The Police Department is excited to receive this funding," said Chris Burbank, Chief of Police. "It will enable us to not only maintain our staffing levels but increase our visible presence in the community during difficult economic times."

To find out more about the COPS Hiring Recovery Program, including the full list of the awards and a state-by-state ranking and summary, visit <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2208>.

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