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## News Release

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### **Wayne County Homeland Security awarded \$4 million grant**

(Detroit) – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) awarded Wayne County’s Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management \$4 million to help strengthen emergency communications among communities along the U.S. border with Canada.

“This is good news,” said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. “These monies will enhance our preparedness and interoperable emergency communications along the border with Canada.”

Funding can be used for equipment purchases, planning, training and conducting exercises.

The Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 called on DHS’s Office of Emergency Communications to establish the Border Interoperability Demonstration Project to identify solutions that facilitate emergency communications along and across the border, and ensure that emergency response providers can communicate during natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other catastrophic events.

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