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San Jacinto County Sheriff's Office Receives Grant Award from Crime Stoppers

In November 2016, Sheriff Greg Capers received notification from Multi-County Crime Stoppers - DBA Montgomery County Crime Stoppers – asking for grant ideas for projects to help fight crime in their area of responsibility. The Multi-County Crime Stoppers serves San Jacinto County, Montgomery County, and Liberty County. One area of that support involves an annual grant program for the agencies it serves. The total amount of the grant varies and candidates are selected based on the importance of the idea offered and how the idea benefits the crime stopper jurisdictions.

The San Jacinto County Sheriff's Office responded by submitting a grant request for multiband handheld radios for our Patrol Tactical Unit (PTU). Our PTU works directly with each of the partner counties served by Multi-County Crime Stoppers. Our need is based on the number of agencies we work with and the different radio systems utilized by all of the agencies in the region. Our PTU, when working in the field, have been required to carry 2 separate handheld radios in order to communicate. In a critical or crisis situation, this can create an officer safety issue and severely hamper the real time communications required. The radios we are seeking are capable of operating in any of the radio disciplines which the San Jacinto County Sheriff's Office, and other law enforcement agencies in the region, utilize. This would reduce the number of handheld radios to 1 per deputy, eliminating the need to carry 2 separate radios when operating with those other agencies.

On January 18, 2017, Crime Stoppers notified Sheriff Capers that the San Jacinto County Sheriff's Office was awarded 6- Motorola APX8000 Handheld Radios – a total grant amount of \$33,000.00. Anticipating delivery in the next 30 days, these radios will be properly programmed and assigned to the Patrol Tactical Unit.

Sheriff Capers wishes to thank the Multi-County Crime Stoppers Organization for its generous award of this vital piece of law enforcement equipment. As we continue our partnerships with regional law enforcement agencies, these radios will be put to great use in combating illegal narcotics and other organized criminal activities which negatively impact our communities.

For more information on the Crime Stoppers organization, or how you can help support Crime Stoppers, visit their webpage at [-http://multicountycrimestoppers.org](http://multicountycrimestoppers.org) .
