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Washington, DC - Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui (CA-5) announced that the Los Rios Community College District Police Department has received a \$1,450 grant to assist with the purchase of five bullet proof vests for their law enforcement officers. This grant from the U.S. Department of Justice's Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program will provide funding for half of the cost of the vests.

"A bullet proof vest should be standard for every law enforcement officer and with this grant, the Los Rios Community College District Police Department will be able to equip their officers with this critical protective gear," said Congresswoman Matsui. "I am pleased that the federal government can be a partner with our local law enforcement to ensure they have the life-saving equipment necessary to protect our communities."

"These vests are vital to the police officers who wear them and are a necessary tool in keeping them safe. It is through grants and donations that the Los Rios Police Department is able to purchase these tools to keep our campuses and students safe," said Rick Jones, Chief of Police for the Los Rios Community College District. "The Los Rios Police Department is grateful to Congresswoman Doris Matsui and her office for their assistance in acquiring a grant from the US Department of Justice to purchase five bullet proof vests."

In 2005, the department received more than \$6,000 in grants from the Department of Justice to reimburse for replacement vests. The dedication of the Los Rios police officers to a growing student population is unsurpassed and the importance of these grant monies will allow them to continue to serve these students and citizens in the region. There are 32 sworn officers within the Los Rios Police Department.

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act was signed into law by President Clinton in 1998. Since its inception the program has funded the purchase of over 400,000 vests and was most recently reauthorized in 2000 (Public Law 106-517).

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