

September 22, 2008 - Murtha: \$447,174 Grant Released for Waynesburg University

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman John P. Murtha, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, announced today that the U.S. Department of Justice has released \$447,174 in funding for the Waynesburg University Electronic Crime Prevention and Investigation (ECPI) program.

Murtha secured this funding in the fiscal year 2008 Commerce, Justice and Science annual appropriations bill.

This funding will be used to continue development of an ECPI curriculum at Waynesburg University, in collaboration with the West Virginia Cyber Crime Cooperative. This curriculum will aid law enforcement agencies by establishing a standard national protocol to prosecute criminals who are using laptops, cell phones and digital cameras in criminal activity. Online courses will train law enforcement personnel on the details of proper handling of digital devices and evidence.

“Waynesburg University is a key partner in our efforts to attract jobs to Greene County and to revitalize downtown Waynesburg,” said Murtha. “I’m impressed by the work that they are doing, and I’m happy to support the development of the Electronic Crime Prevention and Investigation program.”

Murtha visited Waynesburg University in March, where he dedicated the John P. Murtha Center for Sustainable Economic Development and was briefed on the University’s ongoing programs.

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