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Homeland Security Grant Funding

ABILENE, TX – Recently, the Abilene Police Department SWAT Team and Bomb Squad were awarded an \$85,000 grant from the Department of Homeland Security. These funds are required to be spent on equipment that increases capabilities and are a priority for each of these units.

The SWAT Team is responsible for responding to and providing assistance to the surrounding 19 counties of the Big Country Area, as well as Dyess Air Force Base. The Bomb Squad covers 21 surrounding counties, including the City of San Angelo. The grant money was earmarked for these Abilene units because of their specialized duties and abilities to provide services in areas without such units. The grant is administered by the West Central Texas Council of Government.

These grant dollars will provide an upgrade to the Andros F6A robot, equipment for enhancing x-ray capabilities, a negotiations recording and control system, and bomb technician tools.

Chief Stan Standridge offered, “I am incredibly thankful that our citizens and neighbors have access to highly trained and capable units. This grant will ensure we continue to offer professional police services to all stakeholders.”

Respectfully,
Sgt. Kevin Ohnheiser
Bomb Squad Commander
Public Information Officer

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