

WASHINGTON-Congressman Spencer Bachus, responding to concerns by St.Clair County officials, secured funding for the St.Clair County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office was selected as one of the recipients for a grant under the Law Enforcement Technology Program to purchase new technology and modernize equipment.

"With 2 Interstate Highways running through St. Clair County, and a fast growing population, St. Clair County's government has well publicized funding restraints. St. Clair County officials expressed their need for funds to modernize the Sheriff's Department's equipment and technology. I am working to address those needs", Bachus said.

St. Clair County Commission was instrumental in presenting the county's need for technological upgrades to Congressman Bachus. "I am excited that the Congressman was able to secure new technological advances for the sheriff's office. Both the sheriff and I are proud of our involvement with Congressman Bachus in securing these funds", St. Clair County Commission President Stan Batemon said.

"I am excited that we have people in office looking out for the little guy", added Sheriff Terry Surles. "Technology is a wonderful thing and often times folks like us in smaller areas cannot afford to keep up with the latest advancements." Congressman Bachus requested funds for St. Clair County under the Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary 2004 appropriations bill.