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CHAFEE ANNOUNCES \$21 MILLION IN HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDS FOR RI'S FIRST RESPONDERS

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today announced that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has allocated \$21,519,000 in grant funding to Rhode Island from the Office for Domestic Preparedness. The funding from the FY'04 budget will be dispersed as part of three programs that provide significant resources to the state and local governments: the State Homeland Security Program, the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program and Citizen Corps.

“I am pleased that the Department of Homeland Security is working with our state and local governments to make it easier to apply for the funding that will keep our communities and citizens free and safe,” said Senator Chafee.

As part of the \$21 million allocation to Rhode Island:

- \$16,333,000 is available under the State Homeland Security program to help state and local public safety and law enforcement personnel pay for planning, training, equipment and exercises and other costs associated with enhancing the capabilities on a state and local level to prevent, respond to and recover from terrorist attacks
- \$4,847,000 is available under the Law Enforcement terrorism Prevention Program to provide law enforcement communities with enhanced capabilities for detecting, deterring, disrupting and preventing acts of terrorism with a specific focus on the prevention of incidents involving weapons of mass destruction (WMD)
- \$339,000 is available to support Citizen Corps Councils with planning, outreach, and management of Citizen Corps programs and activities within the state.

Under this system, the State Administrative Agencies apply with one application form online as part of the Homeland Security Grant Program, streamlining the process with which DHS distributes the funds through the state governments. In addition, more information is available to applicants at the DHS interagency grants and training website on the DHS website at www.dhs.gov/grants.

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