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To: Mayor Terry & Pittsboro Board of Commissioners  
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From: Chief Percy Crutchfield

Date: January 22, 2015

**Ref: Grant Application for Video Recording Equipment**

**Background:** The North Carolina Governors Crime Commission is accepting applications through the end of this January 2015 for Local Law Enforcement Block Grants. These grants will be awarded in late spring/summer and will not begin until July 1, 2015. I am requesting this grant funding to purchase audio/video recording equipment for the interview room and body cameras for patrol officers. The funding is for up to a maximum amount of \$15,000.00 requiring a 25% match. If we are approved the maximum amount we may have to match is \$3750.00. Based on the police departments current budget we will be able to fund the matching amount and I will NOT be asking for any budget increases next year for this item if we are approved for this grant. This grant request is for equipment and one year only. I have discussed this grant with Mr. Gruesbeck and Mrs. Emslie and we all feel this is an excellent opportunity for the town.

**Why this is important:** The current system we have in the interview room has recently malfunctioned. It is not a system that is actually designed for criminal justice purposes and we need to upgrade. North Carolina General Statutes require that certain custodial interviews be recorded and we need an adequate system to insure compliance. Additionally, in light of recent national events it is clear that we need to provide our officers in the field with some type of body camera. We are currently evaluating several options and this funding would help initiate this program. To be blunt, these are items that I feel we are going to need to purchase anyway and the federal funding will help offset the cost that the Town will incur if we are fortunate enough to be approved.

**Action Requested:** None at this time. Receive the information and provide feedback as appropriate.

