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**INITIAL PRESS RELEASE**

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**Re: Grant Recipient**

**Issued By: Sheriff Beutler**

**The Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) has awarded the Putnam County Sheriff's Office \$55,195.69 to partially fund the wages of 2 full time Deputies. The Sheriff's Office applied for the grant in April of this year and was notified Mid November of the award. These funds will help supplement the end of Federal Department of Justice Grant that was used for wages & fringes for 5 full time employees over the last 2 years.**

**The Sheriff's Office has also received word of funding from Project Lifesaver, a federal grant program that is used to provide rapid response to save lives and reduce potential for serious injury for adults and children who wander due to Alzheimer's, autism, Down syndrome, dementia and other related cognitive conditions. Project Lifesaver provides equipment, training, certification and support to law enforcement, public safety organizations and community groups throughout the country and nation.**

**The Sheriff's Office has been very fortunate in receiving grant funds in not only wages but also for equipment and training totally over \$1.3 million since 2008. This has resulted in returning nearly \$600,000 back to the county general fund in budget savings for the last 3 years and over a million dollars in savings from a budget reduction.**

