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**Sheriff Kandy Fatheree**  
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## **Sheriff Fatheree and Congresswoman Sykes Secure Nearly \$1 Million for Local Law Enforcement**

AKRON – This morning, U.S. Congresswoman Emilia Sykes (OH-13) presented Summit County Sheriff Kandy Fatheree with a ceremonial check for \$963,000 made out to the Summit County Sheriff’s Office to be used for the purchase of new police cruisers by thirteen local law enforcement agencies.

“Combating crime is the top priority of all law enforcement, but we often find ourselves constrained by the resources available to us,” said Sheriff Fatheree. “When police are forced to use outdated vehicles and technology, it makes our jobs difficult and leaves our residents more vulnerable. That’s why I was so pleased to work with Congresswoman Sykes to secure this funding.”

“I was glad to work with Sheriff Fatheree to deliver these federal funds to support our local law enforcement,” said Rep. Sykes. “These new police cruisers will help keep our streets safer and more secure for everyone in our communities.”

In March 2023, Sheriff Fatheree submitted a request for the funds, with Congresswoman Sykes incorporating the Summit and Stark County Local Law Enforcement Assistance Program in her Fiscal Year 2024 Community Project Funding proposal. The Summit County Sheriff’s Office will act as Fiscal Agent in distributing funds to the following agencies for the purchase of cruisers:

Boston Heights Police Department, Lakemore Police Department, Mogadore Police Department, Munroe Falls Police Department, New Franklin Police Department, Norton Police Department, Peninsula Police Department, Sagamore Hills Police Department, Springfield Township Police Department, Tallmadge Police Department, Canton Police Department, Stark County Sheriff’s Office, and Summit County Sheriff’s Office.

Stark County Sheriff George Maier, New Franklin Mayor Paul Adamson, and New Franklin Police Chief Dan Bickett were also in attendance this morning, representing recipient agencies.

“I spent the past week visiting with the chiefs at each department to deliver them the good news, and I can’t tell you how grateful they are. I can’t wait to begin distributing these funds,” said Sheriff Fatheree.

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