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The Talbot County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce the award of the SFY2025 Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG) award. The grant's purpose is to provide the Town of Trappe with enhanced Sheriff's Office coverage to help reduce crime, promote community well-being through the increase patrols in the area and engagement with the public. Sheriff Gamble stated, "We are excited to receive this grant which will help us to specifically focus our enforcement efforts on the Town of Trappe."

After the exit of the Trappe Chief of Police in 2017, the town no longer had the funding to replace the Chief of Police and relied on the Talbot County Sheriff's Office for the extra law enforcement needs. Since that time, the calls for law enforcement service have increased at a rate significantly higher than the previous average trend for the area. With this grant, the Talbot County Sheriff's Office will offer proactive and preventive measures of criminal activity through increased patrols of the area. Town Administrator, Erin Braband, stated that "with this grant award the Talbot County Sheriff's Office would be able to provide additional patrols to the Town of Trappe which would help decrease crime and improve the safety of the Town's residents and visitors."

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