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Cecilia M. Cooper, Ashtabula County Prosecuting Attorney, is pleased to announce the recent donation of \$4,000 from the Ashtabula County Prosecutor's Office Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETf) to the Ashtabula County Entry Team for the purchase of communications equipment.

The Entry Team has countywide jurisdiction and is called on by law enforcement agencies throughout Ashtabula County to assist in executing search warrants and arrest warrants where the need for force or stealth is anticipated. They are also called on to assist with potential hostage situations. The Entry Team trains extensively to perform their work efficiently and safely under a variety of circumstances. Clear communication between team members is an essential component of the successful and safe resolution of these situations. "I am grateful that through the stewardship of my predecessors and myself, the Prosecutor's Office is in a position to be of financial assistance to our local law enforcement. Earlier this year, we made a similar donation to the Ashtabula Police Department's SWAT Team."

The LETf is comprised of the Prosecutor's share of proceeds received from the court-ordered forfeiture of criminal assets (either monies forfeited or proceeds from the sale of forfeited assets) and mandatory drug fines.

Pictured in the attached photo are Sheriff William R. Johnson, and the Sheriff's Department Entry Team. In the front row, are County Prosecutor Cecilia M. Cooper and Detective Ted Barger who accepted the check on behalf of the Team.

Very truly yours,

Cecilia M. Cooper

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