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NRA Foundation Grant Benefits the La Porte Community



**La Porte Police SWAT Sergeant Doug Ditrich accepts grant donation
from the Friends of NRA program**

Thanks to a grant from The NRA Foundation "Friends of NRA" program the La Porte Police Department received \$5,482 to purchase improve communications equipment for their SWAT officers. "We are very excited about assisting with this acquisition", said FNRA Volunteer James McLean "and pleased that the NRA is making an investment in our community that will greatly improve the response capability of the La Porte Police Department SWAT team."

Friends of NRA is a grassroots, community-minded program supported by gun owners, sportsmen and NRA friends that conducts banquets and other fundraising events to generate income for The NRA Foundation. Last year, the Friends of NRA raised a net of over \$14 million through events in over 1000 communities nationwide. The NRA Foundation has awarded over 19,000 grants nationally with two million dollars in funds supporting charitable programs in Texas.

The NRA Foundation supports a broad range of programs and services that benefit local communities from providing shooting range access for physically disabled shooters to firearms safety, education and leadership programs for America's youth. Some of the programs include the Eddie Eagle Gun-Safe Program which teaches Eddie's life saving message of what children should do if they find a gun; Youth Hunter Education Challenge; Youth Education Summit; "Refuse To Be A Victim" program that instructions women how to live safer, more secure lives, and many other educational programs. The NRA Foundation is a charitable nonprofit arm of the National Rifle Association dedicated to promoting and funding firearms safety, education and training programs nationally. For more information on La Porte Police Department's SWAT team operations or their affiliation with the Friends of NRA, contact Assistant Chief Steve Deardorff at 281-471-2141.