

## **Press Release**

### **For Immediate Release**

The Page County Sheriff's Office has received a 2011 Competitive Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), CFDA #97.042 from the National Preparedness Directorate (NPD), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The Federal Grant Allocation of \$3,298.00 is to purchase satellite phones for the Page County Alternate Emergency Operation Center.

The handheld portable satellite phones will allow us to have communications capabilities within the "dead spots" in the county. Due to the terrain of our jurisdiction, emergency communications coverage has been an on-going issue. There are several "dead spots" within the county relating to mobile phone coverage and numerous areas of concern related to portable radio coverage. The satellite phones will provide a source of verbal communication within areas where mobile phone coverage had not been available.