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A company donated a new police motorcycle to the Stroud Area Regional Police Department Wednesday evening, a donation that was welcomed by the cash-strapped cops.

The Stroud Area police chief said there is no way his department could afford to buy a new motorcycle due to these tough financial times. The department laid off two officers two years ago to make budget so this equipment is definitely appreciated.

The brand new motorcycle will be an essential part of policing for the Stroud Area Regional police department and it comes free of charge.

An East Stroudsburg company, Pocono Cycle and Service Center, donated the motorcycle.

Residents said the fact that this comes at no cost to taxpayers is an early Christmas gift.

"The companies are starting to put into, donate to, worthy causes like the police force so it's not entirely tax money based," said Carlina Back of Stroudsburg.

Chief John Baujan said this type of motorcycle will be helpful for residential patrolling.

The chief said the department serves more than 34,000 people in Stroud Township, East Stroudsburg and Stroudsburg. He also said the growing communities are turning into urban settings and a smaller motorcycle is a perfect tool.

"Some of our side streets are down to 15 miles an hour," said Chief Baujan. "This fits perfect everywhere, whether it be for speed enforcement, it can be used for patrols, we can use it in festivals and parades and things like that."

"Lately there's been a lot of assaults and some petty crime that a motorcycle could be used in getting the perpetrators," said Dennis Dumas of East Stroudsburg.

And this motorcycle is cost efficient.

"It gets about 60 to 70 miles per gallon on the highway, which is far superior to some of the Harley Davidson's or other larger motorcycles that they're using," said George Mason, the vice president of Pocono Cycle.

And spending less money is extremely important to the department which had to cut two officers in November of 2009 to make budget.

It was an extremely emotional meeting for both the chief and the two officers who lost their jobs. And with times still tough, this motorcycle is much appreciated.

"I can assure you that we would not be buying motorcycles today given the fact of our financial affairs so this is a very useful tool," said Chief Bajuan.





The chief said the two officers who were laid off in 2009 have been re-hired by his department.

One is a lieutenant and the other was re-hired as a civilian court liaison.

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