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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT TO CONGRESS

It is hard to believe that six years have passed since the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) opened its doors for business. Even more incredible is the progress we have made in that short time and the transformation that has taken place in cities and towns across the country. The attached report highlights the milestones of the past six years in which we awarded grants to more than 12,000 law enforcement agencies and invested \$7.6 billion to add officers to the street and advance community policing. It is a snapshot of COPS' achievements as well as the changing face of law enforcement that has promoted community policing with the assistance of COPS grants.

In May 1999, COPS funded 100,000 additional community oriented policing officers -- \$2 billion under budget and over one year ahead of schedule. By June 2000, nearly 70,000 of these officers are on the street, working with communities to reduce crime and advance the practice of community policing nationwide. To date, 87% of the country is protected by law enforcement departments that practice community oriented policing. The COPS Office continues to meet its challenges into the 21st century.

The COPS Office has:

- Made it easier for state and local entities to conduct business with the Federal government by minimizing the level of bureaucracy and placing a premium on customer responsiveness;
- Provided more than 3,000 law enforcement agencies with \$1 billion in technology to support community policing efforts; and
- Made the largest investment in law enforcement training in this century. As of July 2000, 112,000 law enforcement personnel and community members have been trained through COPS sponsored workshops and invested \$47 million in research and development that will be an important asset to community policing for years to come.

In the brief period of time since the Attorney General's report was published (September 2000), we continue to meet the complex challenges of our community. We continue to exceed our hiring goals -- 109,000 officers. We have trained 14,800 additional law enforcement personnel and community members and provided \$2 million to existing after-school programs to serve as training sites and models for law enforcement agencies that want to create similar programs. We provided \$1 million to the value-based initiative that promotes responsibility and strengthens community partnerships in high risk neighborhoods. Additionally, we promoted officer safety and integrity in 41 state patrol agencies with the assistance of \$12 million for an in-car video camera pilot program.

We are a unique office dedicated to providing additional community policing officers to the nation's streets, technology to departments that make officers more effective, and promoting the advancement of community policing nationwide. When you read the attached report you will be proud of what we have accomplished together because this has indeed been a partnership. Our grantees share equally in the success of this program and we are grateful for your hard work and dedication over these past six years. We look forward to an on-going COPS program that will allow us to continue to build on our successes.