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Making Officer Redeployment Effective (MORE) Using Technology To Keep America's Communities Safe

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Returning Police to Communities

The MORE program increases the time available to law enforcement professionals for community policing activities by funding technology that enables a department to operate more efficiently. COPS MORE grants have helped more than 4,500 law enforcement agencies acquire and implement technology to support efficient community policing operations. These grants total more than \$1.3 billion, and fund crime fighting technologies that have helped redeploy the equivalent of more than 42,000 full-time law enforcement professionals into community policing activities. MORE program grants cover up to 75 percent of the total cost of certain technologies over a one-year period. Agencies that receive grants are required to provide a minimum funding match of 25 percent.

Using Technology to Advance Community Policing

In addition to redeploying officers and deputies into community policing activities, the MORE program significantly increases the ability of officers across the country to solve community problems. For example, in-car computers procured by some grantees enable officers to analyze and research local crime and disorder problems while on patrol, improving their ability to quickly and effectively address community issues. The MORE program provides funding for the following categories of technology:

- Mobile Computing
- Personal Computers
- Computer-Aided Dispatch
- Records Management Systems
- Crime Analysis Hardware/Software
- Automated Booking
- Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems
- Video Arraignment

Making a Difference Through MORE

The MORE program not only allows officers to work more efficiently, but also more effectively. MORE-funded technology has enabled many agencies to become more proactive in their community policing efforts. MORE grants provide the technology that supports such tasks as analyzing real-time crime data, analyzing incident reports to anticipate trends in crime, and mapping crime “hot spots.” Technology is helping to expand the way the law enforcement community thinks about and practices community policing.

Funding in FY 2002

On August 22, 2002, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services announced \$62 million in MORE grants for fiscal year 2002. These grants will help 297 state and local law enforcement agencies acquire and deploy crime-fighting technology.

Contact COPS

For more information on the MORE program, please call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at 1.800.421.6770, or visit COPS Online at www.cops.usdoj.gov.