



COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Making a Mark

COPS Partners with Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association



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Snapshots

COPS has awarded:

- ★ \$6.5 billion dollars to fund 113,972 additional officers across the nation.
- ★ \$4.2 million for Value-Based Initiative grants, to involve the faith-based community in law enforcement efforts.
- ★ \$137 million nationwide for programs to prevent the use and production of methamphetamine.
- ★ \$545.5 million under the COPS in Schools grant program to fund 4,851 School Resource Officers.
- ★ \$83 million for training through the COPS national network of Regional Community Policing Institutes.
- ★ Over \$1 billion in total funding for technology.
- ★ Over \$9.4 billion in total funding has been awarded to state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies.

Assessing Responses to Problems: An Introductory Guide for Police Problem-Solvers Now Available!

COPS invites you to take a look at our newest publication *Assessing Responses to Problems* focuses on:

- ✓ Designing effective responses to problems,
- ✓ Implementing the response plan,
- ✓ Evaluating the plan as executed.

Assessing Responses to Problems helps law enforcement officials answer two main questions:

1. Did the problem decline?
2. If so, did the response cause the decline?

Assessing Responses to Problems is currently available at www.cops.usdoj.gov, and through the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at 1.800.421.6770. Order your copy today.

Letter from Director Carl R. Peed Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

Local law enforcement constantly faces new challenges. When terrorists attacked on the morning of September 11, America's first responders were local law enforcement professionals, many of whom gave their lives for their country on that tragic day. Those brave men and women showed us by their actions the true meaning of the phrase "Protect and Serve." The COPS Office is proud to help local law enforcement meet its commitment to prevent crime and address new public safety challenges by advancing community policing.

An overwhelming majority of American law enforcement agencies have adopted community policing in recent years. These agencies have made their citizens active stakeholders in preserving public safety by constructively engaging their communities.

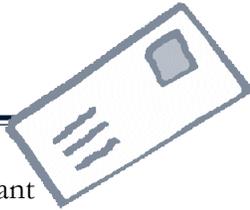
Community policing is not a new idea. It's a proven strategy that meets the many new challenges confronting law enforcement. Community policing has helped to restore crime-ridden neighborhoods, build trust between law enforcement officers and citizens, and solve problems that have eaten away at our quality of life for many years. Now it faces the challenge of securing our homeland against acts of terror.

One of the most disturbing aspects of the September 11 attacks is that the men who carried out these heinous acts lived among us for a long period of time before they struck. They ate in restaurants, shopped in stores, exercised in gyms, attended flight schools, and undoubtedly interacted with dozens of American citizens each day they operated within our borders.

By establishing strong working relationships with citizens and encouraging them to take an active role in their own safety, law enforcement agencies can prevent crime and the fear associated with crime. Likewise, individual citizens can assist law enforcement by learning about how criminal activity occurs, and providing the police with invaluable information about crimes or suspicious activities occurring in their communities. That is community policing in action, and it is now more important than ever. Community policing keeps America safe.

Tell Us about It!

COPS values feedback from law enforcement practitioners, and we want to hear from you! Please send us an email letting us know about your successful community policing efforts to reduce crime. You can send us an email at TellCOPS@usdoj.gov - we look forward to hearing from you.



Come On By

COPS invites you to stop by our booth to pick up some of our recent publications. COPS representatives will be on hand to answer any questions you may have on our publications and programs. COPS publications are also available on our website at www.cops.usdoj.gov.



New Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Guides!

COPS presents new POP Guides, reinforcing local law enforcement efforts in the fight to protect citizens from crime. The Guides focus on identifying the underlying factors of specific problems. The newest additions to the POP Guides series are:

- ✓ Bullying in Schools
- ✓ Burglary of Single-Family Houses
- ✓ Misuse and Abuse of 911

Call 800.421.6770 for copies of these, and all COPS publications. All COPS publications are available at www.cops.usdoj.gov.

Please keep an eye out for the new COPS website debuting soon.

Centers for Excellence in Integrity:

Education and Training Materials

Community policing builds strong relationships between law enforcement officials and the communities they serve. Trust is a necessary component in building those relationships. That is why ethics and integrity training programs are offered at the Regional Community Policing Institutes (RCPIs).

COPS funds two RCPIs to specialize in these issues: The RCPI of New England (in Boston) and the Mid-Atlantic RCPI (in Baltimore). RCPI New England addressed organizational integrity by developing a series of four modules of "Train the Trainer" sessions for law enforcement leadership. Four other RCPIs now offer Train the Trainer sessions as well. The next round of COPS funding will support training and technical assistance under the "Center for Excellence in Integrity" initiative. This funding will be used to maintain the ethics curricula, offer training conferences across the country, and present Train-the-Trainer sessions for other RCPIs and law enforcement agencies.

COPS initially met the challenges of training for integrity issues by sponsoring a series of conferences in 1996 and 1997. These seminars focused on defining and maintaining integrity at both the individual officer and organizational levels.

In 1999, the COPS Office coordinated with the Attorney General's conference on strengthening police-community relationships. Subsequent working groups focused on data collected on police stops as they relate to racial profiling.

By 2001, the COPS Office had expanded its police integrity portfolio to include applications of technology, development of promising practices, applied assessments, and an expanded scope for training and technical assistance. COPS partnered with experts in various aspects of ethics to develop a course called "Ethics for the Individual Officer." Currently, RCPIs send instructors to the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center to take this course. Its unique personal assessment approach is taught through case studies and exercises. "Ethics for the Individual Officer" is available at all COPS-funded RCPIs across the country.