



COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES
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Making a Mark Problem-Oriented Policing Conference

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Snapshots

COPS Facts

- ★ Invested \$9.6 billion to add officers to the nation's streets and schools, enhance crime fighting technology, support crime prevention initiatives, provide training and technical assistance, administer grant programs, and advance community policing
- ★ Funded 116,500 police officers and sheriff's deputies (83,000 on the beat)
- ★ Provided more than 4,600 agencies with over \$1.1 billion in crime-fighting technology
- ★ Funded more than 5,900 school resource officers (SROs)
- ★ Invested \$223.5 million in projects to combat and clean up methamphetamine
- ★ Provided \$133 million to assist law enforcement in Indian Country

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 to TellCOPS@usdoj.gov – we look forward to hearing from you.



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

American law enforcement gave problem-oriented policing its current prominence by proving it successful. America's first responders are digging deeper at every level to root out the causes of crime and disorder. We at the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services couldn't be more pleased.

COPS has long supported problem-oriented policing. In 1996, COPS launched the Problem-Solving Partnerships (PSP) grant program. Through PSP, COPS awarded \$37 million to fund 454 partnerships between law enforcement agencies and local organizations. Many of those partnerships are still making a difference today.

The COPS Office was excited to see three Problem-Solving Partnership grantees and one School-Based Partnership grantee selected as finalists for the 2001 Herman Goldstein Award for Excellence in Problem-Oriented Policing and present their projects at the 2001 POP Conference. PERF recognized the Buffalo (NY) Police Department for reducing street prostitution, the Rogers County (OK) Sheriff's Office for curbing trailer theft, the Chula Vista (CA) Police Department for responding to residential burglary, and the South Euclid (OH) Police Department for addressing bullying in schools.

COPS advances problem-oriented policing as it advances community policing. PSP funded problem-oriented collaborations all over the country. Many PSP projects resulted in best practices and case studies that continue to help other agencies today. COPS also offers a series of Problem-Oriented Guides for Policing, which are available at the COPS' booth. These Guides address specific law enforcement problems ranging from the misuse and abuse of 911 to street prostitution.

On behalf of everyone at COPS, I welcome you to the Police Executive Research Forum's 2002 Problem-Oriented Policing Conference. I would also like to thank the San Diego Police Department for once again co-sponsoring this event. COPS will continue to support your problem-oriented policing efforts with publications and other resources, and looks forward to your continued success. Thank you for your hard work to keep America's communities safe, one problem at a time.

Problem-Oriented Guides for Police

One of the ways COPS advances community policing is by producing and developing informational resources. COPS' most frequently requested series of publications is the Problem-Oriented Guidebooks for Police, or POP Guides. COPS funding brought together some of the most respected minds and experienced practitioners in law enforcement to document what can happen when law enforcement agencies partner with the communities they serve to solve specific crime problems. These projects resulted in a series of useful guidebooks that the COPS Office makes available through COPS Online at www.cops.usdoj.gov.

Each POP Guide presents background on the problem it addresses and then includes a series of questions designed to help law enforcement professionals assess their specific problems. These exercises help identify stakeholders and offer suggestions towards building effective partnerships. Each Guide also outlines collaborative responses implemented in other communities, along with analyses of their impacts. The Guides then offer suggestions for assessing the impact of other responses.

Not only do COPS' POP Guides address some of the most talked-about issues in law enforcement, they are built around the SARA model of Scanning, Analysis, Response, and Assessment. One of the most proven strategies in problem-oriented policing, the SARA model offers an effective way to seek out and respond to the root causes of a wide range of crime and disorder problems. COPS' POP Guides will be topics of formal and informal discussions over the course of this conference.

Each of the COPS-funded POP Guides takes readers step-by-step through a community policing response to the problem in general and then helps them tailor that response to fit their specific needs. Visit COPS Online at www.cops.usdoj.gov to review COPS' full series of POP Guides and download the solution to a problem in your community today.

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- Evidence increasingly points to bullying as a common element of school shootings.
 - Law enforcement professionals across the country are seizing more and more clandestine drug labs, especially methamphetamine labs.
 - Misuse and abuse of 911 emergency telephone networks cost lives when inappropriate calls keep real emergencies from getting through.
 - Many communities cite loud car stereos as one of the most significant obstacles to improving their quality of life.

Bullying, Clandestine Drug Labs, Misuse and Abuse of 911, and Loud Car Stereos are some of COPS most requested POP Guides.

The complete series of POP Guides include:

Assessing Responses to Problems: An Introductory Guide for Police Problem-Solvers
Assaults in and Around Bars
Street Prostitution
Speeding in Residential Areas
Drug Dealing in Privately Owned Apartment Complexes
False Burglar Alarms
Disorderly Youth in Public Places
Loud Car Stereos
Robbery at ATM Machines
Graffiti
Theft of and from Cars in Parking Facilities
Shoplifting
Bullying in Schools
Panhandling
Rave Parties
Burglary of Retail Establishments
Clandestine Drug Labs
Acquaintance Rape of College Students
Burglary of Single-Family Houses
Misuse and Abuse of 911

COPS Methamphetamine Initiative

Methamphetamine is one of the fastest growing illicit narcotics in America. Unlike many other synthetic drugs, methamphetamine is produced inexpensively using ordinary household chemicals and then sold at a sizeable profit on the street. This production process can cause fires, explosions, and release toxic by-products into the environment. Many communities unknowingly harbor covert laboratories that produce this illegal drug in garages and basements.

Methamphetamine has devastating affects on its users: families are destroyed, lives are lost, and children are neglected or abused.

The COPS Office, along with partners at the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the National Crime Prevention Council hosted the Midwestern Governors' Conference Summit on Methamphetamine in September 2002 to bring together the resources of thirteen states to combat the production and proliferation of methamphetamine. The Summit emphasized the principles of community policing by engaging varied community interests to solve a common problem. It brought together not only

representatives of federal, state, and local law enforcement, but also community leaders, service and faith-based organizations, public health and social service agencies, the academic community, members of the judiciary and government executives, as well as representatives of America's youth. The ideas exchanged helped develop a complete picture not only of the problem, but also of a solution, and how to get there.

When a problem affects so many aspects of the quality of life in a community, it often takes a collective effort from the community to fully address it. The methamphetamine epidemic in our country is the very definition of a community problem, and we at the COPS Office have made combating it one of our top priorities. We have dedicated more than \$200 million since 1998 to help communities develop community policing strategies to combat methamphetamine, train officers, develop programs to aid drug-endangered children, and help clean up hazardous by-products of methamphetamine production.

Documenting Police Innovations

The COPS Office has invested \$9.6 billion since 1994 to add community policing officers to the nation's streets, enhance crime fighting technology, support crime prevention initiatives, and advance community policing. The COPS Office has awarded grants to more than 12,800 of our nation's 18,000 law enforcement agencies. In an effort to document and highlight accomplishments COPS Office funding helped achieve, the COPS Office is working with the Institute for Law and Justice to identify agencies for a new project entitled, "Reports from the Field: Community Policing Innovations."

If your agency has received COPS Office funding for any of the programs listed below and would like to be included in this project, please contact: Stacy Osnick Milligan, Institute for Law and Justice, by phone: (703) 684-5300; or e-mail: stacy@ilj.org

- ✓ Hiring Grants (AHEAD, FAST, PHASE1, and UHP)
- ✓ Making Officer Redeployment Effective (MORE)
- ✓ Cops in Schools (CIS)
- ✓ School-Based Partnerships
- ✓ Tribal Resources Grants

Field Applications: Where the Research Meets the Road

Tools like COPS' POP Guides help law enforcement agencies institutionalize the practice of problem-oriented policing. The COPS Office has funded *Field Applications of the Problem-Oriented Guides for Police* to measure just how effective these Guides are and to gain insight for future Guides.

This project brings the original authors of the guides together with additional experts from the field to work in collaboration with four police agencies around the country. These collaborations will further explore the various problems addressed in several existing POP Guides. The team will help law enforcement practitioners from each agency select and analyze problems, develop and implement responses, and assess the impacts of those problem-oriented projects.

The team will produce a report from each problem-solving exercise that will explain how the problem was identified, the scope of the problem, and what was known about the problem. The reports will then explore what was learned through problem-analysis, what new responses might be considered, what new responses were implemented, and why.

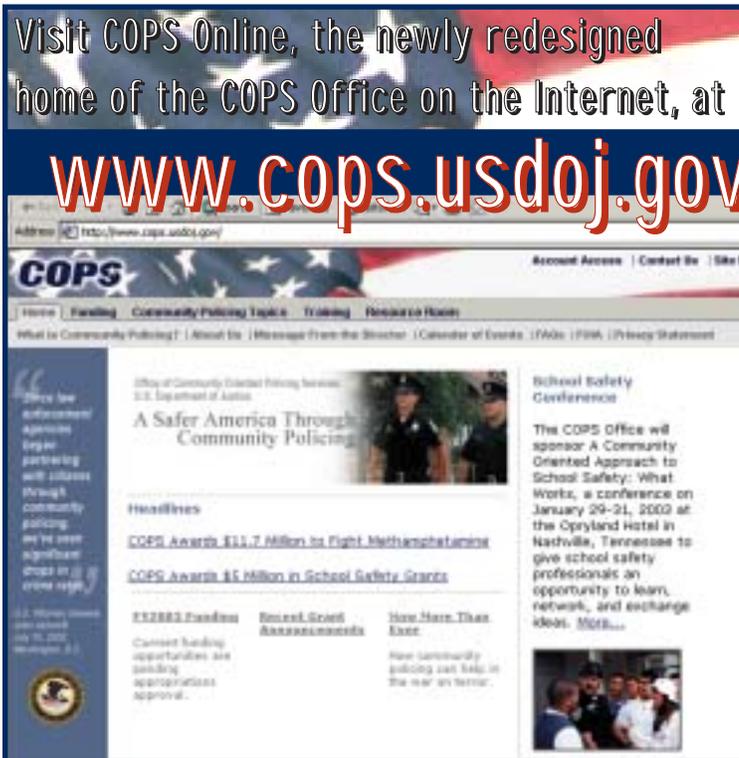
The reports will also include why certain responses were not implemented, and report the impact of responses. In addition, each report will include an analysis protocol, document new knowledge gained from the project, and report what was learned about the process of working with police in an action-researcher capacity.

Four agencies will participate in the Field Applications. In Savannah, Georgia, the team will work on the problems addressed in the POP Guides *Burglary of Single Family Homes* and *Loud Car Stereos*. Newark, New Jersey will help respond to *Drug Dealing in Privately Owned Apartment Complexes*. Chula Vista, California will present an opportunity to respond to *Thefts of and From Cars in Parking Facilities* and *Speeding in Residential Areas*. Raleigh, North Carolina will also respond to *Speeding in Residential Areas*, as well as *Street Prostitution*.

Over the course of this Conference, all of the agencies participating in *Field Applications of the Problem-Oriented Guides for Police* will present the results of their projects, and they look forward to your participation.

Coming Soon

Visit COPS Online, the newly redesigned home of the COPS Office on the Internet, at www.cops.usdoj.gov



The COPS Office funded the Center for Problem-Oriented Policing in 2002 to develop a wider variety of informational tools for law enforcement. In addition to expanding the current series of Problem-Oriented Guides for Policing, COPS will fund Guides that focus on both common police responses to problems and problem-solving tools and methods. Please keep checking COPS' new website, COPS Online at www.cops.usdoj.gov for more information on problem-oriented policing.

COPS funding has already started developing further Guides in the series, including Problem-Oriented Guides focusing on:

- Prescription Fraud
- Gun Violence Among Youth
- Domestic Violence
- Stalking
- Fraud Against the Elderly
- And Others