



COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



# Making a Mark

## COPS Partners with National Sheriffs' Association

Letter from Director Carl R. Peed  
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The threat of terrorism presents many new challenges for counties both large and small. The COPS Office is pleased to help America's sheriffs meet these challenges and protect their communities with funding for additional deputies, crime-fighting technologies, training, and technical assistance.

As you know, a primary purpose of the COPS Office is the advancement of community policing. For a number of years the successful application of community policing principles has resulted in real reductions in conventional crime. These same principles can likewise provide an effective response to the threat of terrorism. By constructively engaging their communities, law enforcement agencies have made their citizens active stakeholders in preserving public safety. As a result of empowering their citizens, law enforcement has significantly enhanced its crime-fighting capacity by increasing the number of people alert to criminal activity and willing to report it.

Another important weapon in law enforcement's war on terror is technology. COPS grants help law enforcement agencies acquire, implement, and deploy technologies ranging from computer-aided dispatch to mobile data terminals and automated booking systems. The ability to share information quickly can make all the participants better able to serve their communities and enable them to fight crime more efficiently.

Another way COPS helps law enforcement implement community policing strategies is through training and technical assistance. One of COPS' current training programs is the Creating a Culture of Integrity initiative. This initiative is helping the Orange County Sheriff's Department in Florida to develop a strategy that focuses on Outreach to Minority Youth. The Orange County Sheriff's Department hopes to increase trust and communication between deputies and youth, foster positive relationships in a non-law enforcement setting, and encourage a healthy learning environment for youth by providing resources and support services that will promote academic and social success. The overall goal of this project is to reduce juvenile crime.

As your communities face new challenges, COPS looks forward to partnering with you to meet those challenges with community policing strategies. COPS funding has already helped more than 12,800 state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to make their communities safer. We at COPS look forward to working with you in 2003.

Sincerely,

Carl R. Peed  
Director  
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

### Snapshots

# COPS Facts

- ★ Invested a total of \$9.6 billion nationwide since 1994
- ★ Awarded more than \$1 billion in technology grants
- ★ Awarded \$1.12 billion to sheriffs' agencies across the nation
- ★ Awarded \$200,000 to TRIAD in 2002
- ★ Awarded more than \$223 million to combat the spread of methamphetamine across the 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 at [TellCOPS@usdoj.gov](mailto:TellCOPS@usdoj.gov) – we look forward to hearing from you.



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# Crime Fighting Technology: The Bits and Bytes that Bind



The COPS Office has awarded more than one billion dollars to help state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies acquire, implement, and deploy crime fighting technologies since 1995. Below are some of the ways COPS grants are helping American law enforcement secure our homeland.

COPS Making Officer Redeployment Effective (MORE) grants often help American law enforcement agencies improve their communications capabilities. MORE grants fund projects ranging from mobile data terminals (MDTs) for patrol vehicles to more comprehensive and sophisticated systems like fully-integrated computer-aided dispatch (CAD) and records management systems (RMS).

A COPS MORE grant helped the Oakland County, Michigan Law Enforcement Consortium purchase a comprehensive information system that enables officers throughout the county to process and submit reports, access offender data, and conduct pre-bookings - all via mobile data computers from the field. Systems like this cut down significantly on time officers spend on administrative duties and give them more time to patrol their communities.

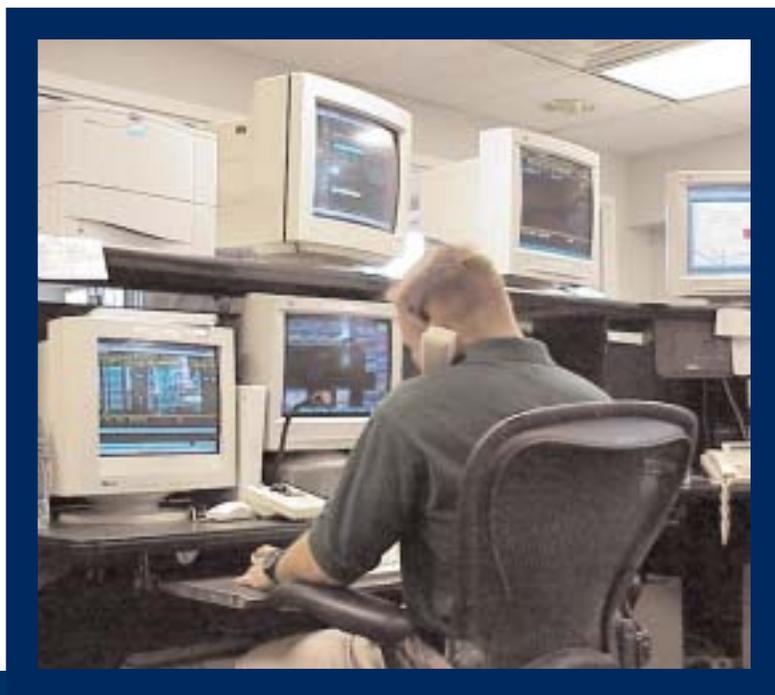
COPS Technology grants also help fund innovative projects like Chicago's CLEAR (Citizen Law Enforcement Analysis and Reporting) system. CLEAR delivers information on more than 4 million arrestees with more than 30 data points, including mug shots and criminal history records, at the simple click of a mouse. Over 700 million data elements will eventually be available for use in crime and problem analysis.

Another COPS Technology grant helped St. Louis's Safe City project give citizens access to its

crime mapping software through the Safe City website. This website graphically illustrates correlations between a wide variety of crimes and activities that might otherwise have seemed unrelated. An additional component of the system is available only to law enforcement agencies in the region, and it tracks the movements of parolees and probationers. This new functionality brings together partners ranging from information technology providers to the FBI.



As more agencies embrace community policing, COPS is pleased to support an ever-widening range of projects to help them work together more effectively. The challenges and responsibilities that American law enforcement professionals face continue to grow and evolve, making crime-fighting technologies more important than ever in the fight to keep America safe.



## COPS Develops New Homeland Security Training Programs

The COPS Office brought the directors of the national training network of Regional Community Policing Institutes (RCPIs) together to determine how community policing can help secure our homeland. *Applying Community Policing Principles Post 9/11* focused on two questions: what specific community policing strategies can best help America's state, local, and tribal law enforcement professionals secure our homeland, and how can COPS and the RCPI network best prepare them to implement those strategies?

COPS and its national network of RCPIs are working to meet the training needs of law enforcement. Participants discussed specific training needs for different regions of the country that could be developed to help American law enforcement secure our homeland. RCPI directors will be working in the coming months to develop and implement the new training programs outlined.

As a result of this conference, the RCPI at Wichita State University in Kansas has partnered with the Ford County Sheriff's Department to develop a program addressing agri-terrorism for rural areas. This class will deal with protecting and reviewing vulnerabilities in the nation's meat supply. Everyday within 150 miles in southwest Kansas, 500 tractor-trailer loads of cattle arrive at the packing plants. In that same day, 280 tractor-trailer loads of beef products leave the plants and 160,000 boxes of finished beef products are shipped to 50 countries around the world. Since the impact of a terrorist attack at any point in this cycle could be tremendous, a Ford County undersheriff is working with cattle ranchers, businesses that traffic in cattle, and other organizations involved in the production and delivery chain to ensure the safety of the nation's meat inventory.

Other RCPIs are currently developing equally innovative community policing training strategies to secure our homeland. These partnerships include linking local law enforcement with airport security, preparing line officers to answer the public's questions in a calming and informative way through the "Terror Within" series, and dealing with citizen preparedness at the neighborhood blockwatch level.

One additional way COPS helped RCPIs meet the challenge of securing our homeland with community policing was by preparing a CD-ROM compiling homeland security and disaster preparedness informational resources. COPS also helped local law enforcement meet the new threats after the September 11 attacks with COPS Innovations *Local Law Enforcement Responds to Terrorism: Lessons in Prevention and Preparedness*. This publication reviews the types of resources that law enforcement may want to consider when developing their own terrorism prevention and response plans. All COPS publications are available at COPS Online.

From compiling resources for grantees to funding innovative and effective training programs, the COPS Office is pleased to help America's state, local, and tribal law enforcement secure our homeland against terror. Conferences like *Applying Community Policing Principles Post 9/11* show that we are not alone in our commitment to meeting this challenge with community policing. Now more than ever, community policing keeps America safe. For more information on the training opportunities available through the RCPIs, and other resources available at COPS, please check COPS Online at [www.cops.usdoj.gov](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov).

## 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: Deborah Spence, Institute for Law and Justice, by phone: (703) 684-5300; or e-mail: [deborah@ilj.org](mailto:deborah@ilj.org)

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

## COPS Resources

The COPS Office works with innovative criminal justice and law enforcement professionals to provide a wide range of community policing resources. From involving victims in the community policing process to addressing problems like bullying in schools, COPS publications can offer insights and experiences from others on the field. These resources are available on line in our Resource Room at [www.cops.usdoj.gov](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov).

COPS Community Policing Resources Include:

- Mutual Respect in Policing (Video and Curriculum)
- Applying Community Policing Principles Post 9/11 Resource CD
- COPS Innovations: Promising Strategies from the Field *A Spotlight on Sheriffs*
- The Ethics Toolkit: Enhancing Law Enforcement Ethics in a Community Policing Environment
- SchoolCOP software and accompanying *Guide to Using SchoolCOP to Address Student Discipline Problems*
- Problem-Oriented Guides for Police Series, with topics ranging from acquaintance rape to rave parties

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## Save the Date!



COPS 2nd Annual National Community Policing Conference: *Working Together for Safer Communities* will be held **June 16 through 18, 2003** at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. COPS is currently accepting **workshop proposals** - please email [Presentation@usdoj.gov](mailto:Presentation@usdoj.gov) for more information.

Keep checking COPS Online at [www.cops.usdoj.gov](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov) for updated conference information!

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