



COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



Making a Mark

COPS Partners with the National League of Cities

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Snapshots

COPS Facts

- ★ Invested a total of **\$9.6 billion nationwide since 1994**
- ★ Awarded more than **\$1 billion in technology grants**
- ★ COPS has funded more than **12,800 law enforcement agencies nationwide**
- ★ 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 – we look forward to hearing from you.



www.cops.usdoj.gov

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

The threat of terrorism presents many new challenges for cities both large and small. The COPS Office is pleased to help law enforcement meet these challenges and protect their communities with funding for additional law enforcement professionals, 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 advancement of community policing 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.

COPS is increasing the abilities of jurisdictions of all sizes to respond to the emerging challenges of securing our homeland. COPS grant programs in FY 2003 offer not only a wide variety of homeland security and community policing training to state, local, and tribal law enforcement, COPS is developing a new program dedicated to meeting the overtime needs of these agencies. COPS continues to address the most pressing needs of American law enforcement agencies as they work every day to keep our cities safer.

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 each of you in 2003.

Carl R. Peed
Director
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

Fiscal Year 2003 Funding for COPS



On February 20, 2003, President Bush signed the bill providing \$584,099,514 in 2003 appropriations for COPS. Highlights from this COPS appropriation include:

The bill includes language for COPS to use up to 30 percent of hiring funds (\$60 million) to offer an overtime program. The overtime program and the Interoperable Communications Technology Program are new programs for COPS in 2003.

Hiring Programs	\$198,700,000
Technology Grants	\$188,719,299
Methamphetamine	\$ 56,760,642
Indian Country Grants	\$ 34,742,500
Community Policing Development	\$ 20,527,697
Interoperable Communications Technology Program	\$ 19,870,000
Police Integrity	\$ 16,852,741
Safe School Initiative	\$ 15,111,135

The COPS Office is providing a total of \$200 million for overtime, hiring, and the COPS in Schools programs. Applications for these programs will be available on COPS Online at www.cops.usdoj.gov.

The COPS Office is working to craft grant programs responsive to the needs of state, local, and tribal law enforcement from the funding available in this bill. Due to the high number of applications COPS already has on file for hiring grants, COPS expects all grants to be highly competitive this year. Additionally, not all of the funding listed above will be awarded through open solicitations as some of the grantees have been designated in the appropriations bill. Please check COPS Online for information on how to apply for COPS 2003 grants or call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at 800.421.6770 to get on a mailing list for this grant information.

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.**
Keep checking COPS Online at www.cops.usdoj.gov for updated conference information!

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