



COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES
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Making a Mark

Applying Community Policing Principles Post 9/11

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Snapshots

Since 1994, COPS has:

- ★ Invested a total of \$9.6 billion nationwide
- ★ Awarded more than \$1 billion in technology grants
- ★ Awarded \$665 million under the COPS in Schools grant program
- ★ Awarded over \$223 million to combat the spread of methamphetamine
- ★ Awarded over \$198 million to tribal law enforcement agencies

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.



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Letter from Director Carl R. Peed

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

The ongoing threat of terrorism presents state, local, and tribal law enforcement with broad new challenges that range from resource allocation and curbing public fear to intelligence-gathering and crisis planning. Since September 11 many state and local law enforcement agencies have sought new and effective methods of protecting our country's cities and counties, and have come to realize that community policing is more important now than ever before.

Community policing encourages collaborative partnerships, employs problem-solving strategies, engages the community in its own protection, and requires organizational change within law enforcement to support effective decision making and efficient operations. Community policing can assist law enforcement agencies identify and respond to public concerns about terrorism, and help provide vital insight into a community's vulnerabilities and needs.

Police chiefs and sheriffs throughout the country are working diligently to ensure the safety of their jurisdictions in light of the new challenges they are confronting. They understand their expanded role in our fight against terror, and they are seeking resources that enhance the capacity of their departments' to protect our communities.

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services' (COPS) Regional Community Policing Institutes (RCPIs) are uniquely positioned to provide law enforcement and citizens with practical training on a variety of community policing topics. We have an established service-delivery network, a first-hand understanding of local training and technical assistance needs, and a positive working relationship with our communities and law enforcement professionals.

Now more than ever, community policing is vital to America's safety. The proactive and preventive nature of community policing can be of tremendous benefit in addressing many of the local challenges associated with safeguarding our communities against terrorism. COPS RCPIs must seize the opportunity to provide timely training to our communities and those who protect them.

Carl R. Peed
Director

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

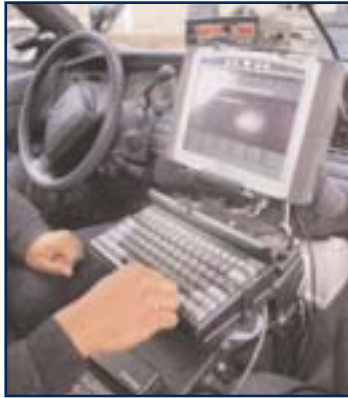
Crime Fighting Technologies: The Bits and Bytes that Bind

Community policing means working collaboratively to respond to crime not only with community members, but with other law enforcement agencies as well. Technology is one of the most effective ways to meet this challenge. COPS funding has helped state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies acquire, implement, and deploy communications and crime-fighting technologies since 1995. Below are some of the ways COPS grants are helping American law enforcement secure our homeland.

COPS has invested more than one billion dollars in MORE grants since 1995 to help American law enforcement agencies improve their communications capabilities. MORE grants fund projects ranging from mobile data terminals (MDT's) 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 reports on mobile data computers, submit reports, access fingerprint and mugshot data, and conduct a pre-booking – all from the field. Systems like this cut down significantly on the 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.



Future additions to the CLEAR system will offer unprecedented amounts of information and a wide range of collaborative tools to members of the communities those agencies serve. Over 700 million data elements will eventually be available for use in crime and problem analysis.

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) used two COPS Technology grants totaling nearly \$1.7 million to help develop and implement their Computer Crimes Center. It will be South Carolina's clearinghouse for information reporting, training, investigative assistance, and prosecution of high technology crimes. SLED's Computer Crimes Center will also work cooperatively with the FBI Joint Terrorism Task force, provide analytical support on terrorist intelligence, and work with federal state and local law enforcement on cyber crime cases.



A COPS grant helped the city of **Baltimore, Maryland** launch the nation's first 311 non-emergency system in October of 1996. COPS 311 grants help communities build systems that give citizens a single, easy-to-remember point of contact for law enforcement and other public services. This can improve law enforcement response times and free up emergency communications networks. COPS-funded 311 non-emergency systems can also prove invaluable in securing our homeland. Citizens with easy access to law enforcement may be more likely to report information that could prove important in long-term investigations.

As more agencies embrace community policing strategies, 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 Resources

COPS publishes a wide range of community policing resources. The COPS Office works with some of the most innovative and respected names in law enforcement to develop publications designed to help with many aspects of community policing, as well as specific problem-oriented studies. From enterprise-level organizational issues to problems like stamping out graffiti, COPS publications can offer insights and experiences from others in the field. Browse through them in the Resource Room at COPS Online www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=118.

COPS Community Policing Resources Include:

Mutual Respect in Policing (Video and Curriculum)
Bringing Victims into Community Policing
Tackling Crime and Other Public Safety Problems:
Case Studies in Problem-Solving
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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Police Integrity in a Changing Environment

The COPS Office recently held a working session entitled "Police Integrity in a Changing Environment" to provide training assistance to COPS' grantees from around the country. They came to Washington, D.C. on December 10–11, 2002 to explore the many ways that ethics and integrity influence law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve.

The conference was designed around five key areas that impact the culture of integrity within the law enforcement community. Those areas were accountability and supervision, recruitment and hiring, education and training, early intervention systems, and data collection and analysis. Sessions were designed to enhance peer-to-peer exchange and were facilitated by subject matter experts. Attendees learned from each other by sharing their programmatic progress, innovative approaches, lessons learned, and obstacles overcome that were specific to each session's topic.

The COPS Office invited previously funded grantees to share their experiences and best practices as well as provide technical assistance to other agencies interested in replicating their programs or implementing similar initiatives. The COPS Office also shared its many resources and publications to aid participants in the development and implementation of integrity-related projects.

Creating a culture of integrity is an integral part of fostering an environment conducive to problem-solving and community engagement, two of the core components of community policing. The COPS Office is pleased to support these efforts to keep America safe through community policing.

Calendar 2003

The COPS Office will be represented at the following conferences:

January / February

January 22-24:

U.S. Conference of Mayors
Washington, D.C.

January 29-31:

COPS School Safety Conference: What Works
Nashville, Tennessee

February 5-9:

Major Cities Chiefs
Phoenix, Arizona

February 9-13:

California Chiefs
Oakland, CA

February 20-23:

American Association of School Administrators
New Orleans, LA

February 26-28:

National Sheriffs
Mid-Winter Conference
Washington, D.C.

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June 16-18, 2003 in Washington D.C.

2nd Annual National Community Policing Conference:

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