



Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

FY 2011 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2010 Enacted:	\$829.1 million* (188 positions)
Current Services Adjustments:	-\$202.7 million (24% below FY 2010 Enacted)
Program Changes:	+\$103.9 million
FY 2011 Budget Request:	\$730.3 million* (210 positions)
Change from FY 2010 Enacted:	-\$98.8 million (-11.9%) (+22 positions)

*Includes funding from the Office of Justice Programs, Salaries and Expenses appropriation.

Mission:

The mission of the COPS Office is to advance the practice of community policing as an effective strategy to improve public safety. By addressing the root causes of criminal and disorderly behavior, rather than simply responding to crimes once they have been committed, community policing concentrates on preventing both crime and the atmosphere of fear it creates. Additionally, community policing encourages the use of crime-fighting technology and operational strategies and the development of mutually beneficial relationships between law enforcement and the community. By earning the trust of the members of their communities and making those individuals stakeholders in their own safety, law enforcement can better understand and address the community's needs, and the factors that contribute to crime.

Resources:

The budget request for FY 2011 totals \$730.3 million, which is an 11.9 percent decrease from the FY 2010 Enacted level.

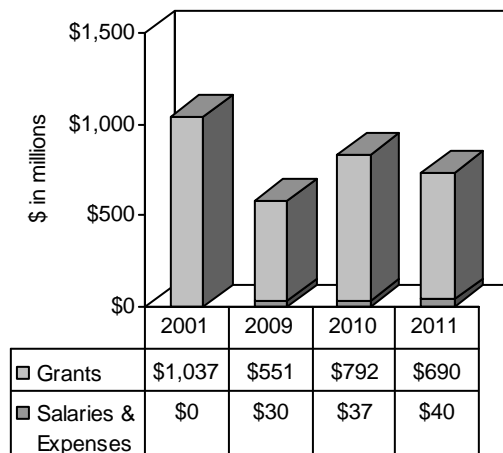
Organization:

COPS is headed by a Director, who is appointed by the Attorney General. The COPS Office was established in 1994 to assist law enforcement agencies in enhancing public safety through the implementation of community policing strategies.

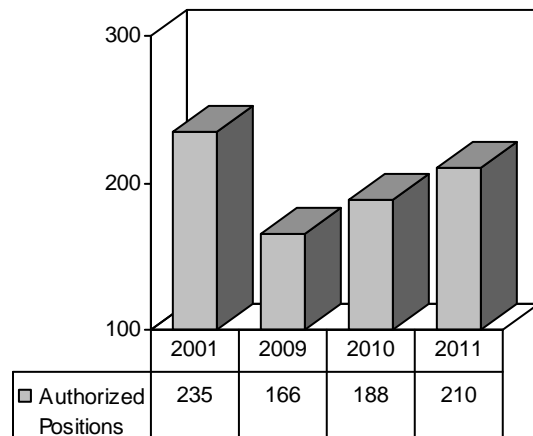
Personnel:

The COPS' direct authorized positions for FY 2011 total 210 positions. COPS' FY 2011 request includes an increase of 22 positions over the FY 2010 level of 188 direct authorized positions.

Funding (FY 2001 - 2011)



Personnel (FY 2001 - 2011)



FY 2011 Strategy:

Over the past decade, the programs and initiatives developed by the COPS Office have provided funding to more than 13,000 of the nation's 18,000 law enforcement agencies. Approximately 81% of the Nation's population is served by law enforcement agencies practicing community policing. To-date COPS has funded over 121,000 officers. With funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the COPS Office ensured that over 4,600 additional law enforcement officer jobs will be created or saved in law enforcement agencies across the country.

More than 500,000 law enforcement personnel and community members have been trained on community policing topics including crime control strategies, police ethics and integrity, terrorism prevention and preparedness, school safety, partnership building, problem-solving and crime analysis.

In FY 2011, the COPS Office will continue to fulfill its mission of advancing the practice of community policing by:

- Funding additional officers;
- Continuing to support innovative programs that respond directly to the emerging needs of state, local, and tribal law enforcement, to shift law enforcement's focus to preventing, rather than reacting to crime and disorder within their communities;
- Developing state-of-the-art training and technical assistance to enhance law enforcement officers' problem-solving and community interaction skills; Promoting collaboration between law enforcement and community members to develop innovative initiatives to prevent crime;
- Providing responsive, cost-effective service delivery to COPS' grantees to ensure success in advancing community policing strategies within their communities;
- Supporting evidence-based community policing practices that have proven to be effective, can be easily replicated by a broad cross-section of law enforcement agencies, and, are sustainable; and
- Providing national leadership to the law enforcement field regarding the adaptation of Values Based Policing Principles, which is a results-driven philosophy that minimizes an organization's process while emphasizing outcomes. It integrates the core beliefs of an organization into every aspect of its operations. Values Based Policing allows an employee to be driven by "what is right" instead of "what is in writing."

FY 2011 Program Changes:

Programs Administered by the COPS Office:

COPS Hiring: \$302.0 million for a total of \$600.0 million for this program, which will be used to fund officers and thereby support the efforts of state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies in meeting the challenge of keeping their communities safe. Within this amount, 7%, or \$42.0 million, will be dedicated specifically towards the hiring of tribal law enforcement officers. The grants will have no salary cap, but will require grantees to provide a 10 percent local match. The officers supported through this funding will be incorporated into meeting the Administration's goal of increasing law enforcement personnel by 50,000. FY 2011 current services resources for this initiative is \$298.0 million.

Community Policing Development: \$6.0 million for a total of \$18.0 million for training and technical assistance and to fund a variety of innovative projects and knowledge resource products that support the integration of community policing strategies throughout the law enforcement community that enable officers and community members to more effectively address emerging law enforcement and community issues. FY 2011 current services resources for this initiative is \$12.0 million.

Police Integrity: \$15.0 million to improve police-community relationships and strengthen community trust in law enforcement. Some areas of potential focus for this funding include reducing racial profiling, early intervention systems for law enforcement personnel, protecting civil rights, and examining police relationships with immigrant communities. There are no FY 2011 current services for this program.

COPS Child Sexual Predator Elimination Prosecution Program (CSPP): \$6.0 million for a total of \$18.0 million for CSPP. CSPP provides funding to state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to help locate, arrest, and prosecute child sexual predators and exploiters, and enforce state sex offender registration laws. Ultimately, the CSPP goal is to reduce child endangerment by developing and implementing plans to improve coordination and partnership in detecting, apprehending, and prosecuting sex offenders who fail to register and who sexually exploit and prey on children. CSPP supports community policing initiatives throughout the United States by promoting partnerships between local law enforcement, United States Attorneys' Offices and the United States Marshals, as well as with other community partners such as parole and probation offices, social service agencies, and state or local prosecutors to collectively reduce and prevent child endangerment by sexual predators. There is \$12.0 million in FY 2011 current services for this program.

Management and Administration: \$2.5 million and 22 positions to address the additional workload anticipated as a result of an expanded COPS Program. A total of \$40.3 million is requested for COPS Salaries and Expenses. FY 2011 current services resources for this initiative is \$37.8 million and 188 positions.

Savings: Offsetting funding decreases from the heavily earmarked COPS Technology Grants (\$170.0 million program elimination), the heavily earmarked COPS Methamphetamine Program (\$40.0 million program elimination) and Secure our Schools (-\$2.0 million) have been included in the budget. The budget reduces funding for the Tribal Resources Grant Program by \$15.0 million, but proposes to dedicate \$42.0 million to tribes from the COPS Hiring Program. In addition, a savings of \$10.0 million is achieved from rescinding prior year appropriations.

Financial Snapshot 2009

Clean Opinion on Financial Statements	Yes
Timely Financial Reporting	Yes
Material Weaknesses	None