



## Community Policing (COPS)

### FY 2017 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2016 Enacted:	\$212.0 million (188 positions; 11 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$0
Program Changes:	+\$74.0 million
FY 2017 Budget Request:	\$286.0 million (188 positions; 11 attorneys)
Change From FY 2016 Enacted:	+\$74.0 million (+34.9%)

### Mission:

The COPS Office mission is to advance public safety through the practice of community policing. By proactively 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. Community policing also promotes the use of operational strategies and the development of mutually beneficial relationships between law enforcement and the communities served. By earning community trust and making those individual community members stakeholders in their own safety, law enforcement can better understand and address the community's needs, and the factors that contribute to crime.

### Organization:

The COPS Office 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.

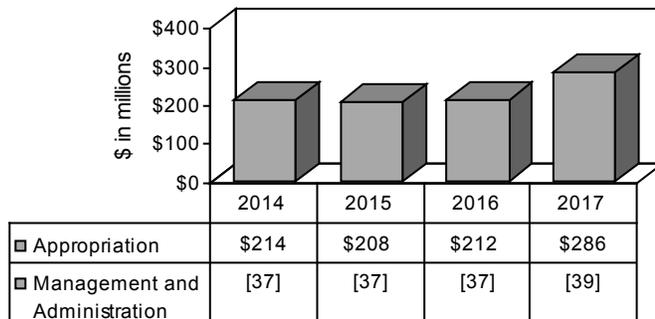
### Resources:

The FY 2017 budget request for COPS totals \$286.0 million, which is a 34.9% increase over the FY 2016 Enacted.

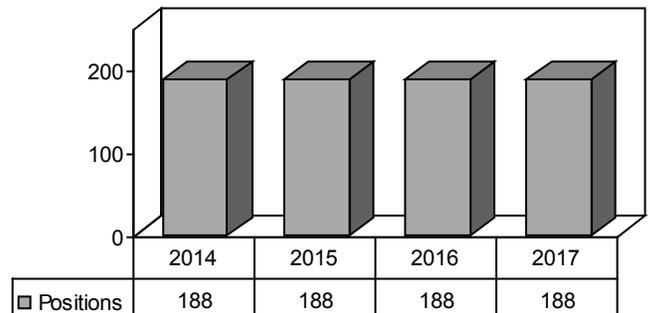
### Personnel:

COPS direct positions for FY 2017 total 188 positions, which is the same as FY 2016 Enacted.

**Funding (FY 2014 - 2017)**



**Personnel (FY 2014 - 2017)**



## **FY 2017 Strategy:**

Over the past decade, the COPS Office programs and initiatives have provided funding to more than 13,000 of the nation's 16,000 law enforcement agencies. Approximately 81 percent of the nation's population is served by law enforcement agencies practicing community policing. To date the COPS Office has funded over 127,000 officers. With funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the COPS Office ensured that over 4,736 additional law enforcement officer jobs were created or saved in law enforcement agencies across the country. The total number of officers funded from FY 2009 through 2015 was more than 10,000 between the COPS Office hiring and tribal law enforcement programs.

More than 700,000 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 2017, the COPS Office will continue to fulfill its mission of advancing the practice of community policing by:

- Funding additional officers to address community policing challenges;
- Continuing to support innovative programs that respond directly to the emerging needs of state, local, and tribal law enforcement. These innovative programs shift law enforcement's focus to preventing, rather than reacting to, crime and disorder;
- 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 the COPS Office's grantees to ensure successful implementation of community policing strategies; and
- 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.

## **FY 2017 Program Changes:**

### **Community Policing**

#### **COPS Hiring Program:** \$42.0 million and 0 positions

This request provides a total funding level of \$229.0 million. Within this total amount, \$15.0 million will be dedicated specifically towards tribal law enforcement, \$20.0 million will be for community policing development activities, and \$5 million will be used for incentive grants to improve diversity in law enforcement. The \$20 million budget request for the Community Policing Development (CPD) Program will permit the COPS Office to expand and conduct additional applied research, demonstration, and micro-grant projects that promote changes in American law enforcement consistent

with the Department's priority goals. An increase in CPD funding would also allow the COPS Office to establish a new Community Oriented Policing Management Education and Development Program. The FY 2016 Enacted level for this initiative is \$187.0 million.

#### **Collaborative Reform Model:** \$20.0 million and 0 positions

This request is a separate line-item for this program. The Collaborative Reform Initiative enables the COPS Office to partner with law enforcement agencies that may need assistance on a wide variety of criminal justice issues that range from use-of-force practices, to the deployment of crisis intervention teams, to building trust with the communities served. The program provides assistance to agencies in enhancing and improving their policies and procedures, systems, and culture. This program has been implemented in Las Vegas, Nevada and is currently operating in Spokane, Washington; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Fayetteville, North Carolina; Salinas, California; Calexico, California; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and St. Louis County, Missouri. The FY 2016 Enacted level for this initiative is \$10.0 million as a set-aside within the COPS Hiring Program.

#### **Countering Violent Extremism:** \$3.0 million and 0 positions

This new initiative funding will be used to provide awards of approximately \$500,000 to enhance the ability of law enforcement agencies nationwide to partner with local residents, business owners, community groups, and other stakeholders on homeland security initiatives by leveraging established community policing approaches to counter violent extremism through multiple demonstration projects. Additionally, this program will fund a single award for coordination, evaluation, and technical assistance efforts across the funded demonstration sites. This is a new program for FY 2017.

#### **Tribal Law Enforcement:** \$23.0 million and 0 positions

The request is to re-establish this program as a separate line-item. Additionally, \$15.0 million will be available from the COPS Hiring Program, for a total of \$38.0 million to support Indian Country. Of this total, \$3.0 million is requested to support tribes' access to law enforcement information sharing systems. Funding for this program is used for hiring of law enforcement officers, training, and equipment and anti-methamphetamine activities in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. The FY 2016 Enacted level for this initiative is \$30.0 million as a set-aside within the COPS Hiring program.

#### **Program Offset - Anti-Heroin Task Forces:** -\$7.0 million and 0 positions

The FY 2017 budget request for COPS includes the elimination of the \$7 million Anti-Heroin Task Forces program.

#### **Program Offset - Anti-Meth Task Forces:** -\$7.0 million and 0 positions

The FY 2017 budget request for COPS includes the elimination of the \$7 million Anti-Methamphetamine Task Forces Program.

#### **Rescission - COPS:** -\$10.0 million and 0 positions

The budget proposes to cancel \$10.0 million in unobligated balances.