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BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA)



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Bureau of Justice Assistance
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The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), a component of the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, provides support to state, local, and tribal law enforcement, as well as other justice agencies, to improve and strengthen the nation's criminal justice system.

BJA has made officer safety a top priority and is proud to administer and support several national officer safety or related initiatives that:

- Identify and shield officers from injury.
- Help officers prevent and survive violent encounters.
- Share critical information to improve situational awareness and respond to critical events.
- Enable suspicious activity reporting.
- Reduce violence overall in our communities.

In developing this toolkit, BJA hopes to promote learning about officer safety and to encourage leveraging of these resources to augment state, local, and tribal efforts to promote officer safety. BJA's initiatives include:

- VALOR—Preventing Violence Against Law Enforcement and Ensuring Officer Resilience and Survivability Initiative
- Bulletproof Vest Partnership
- Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative (NSI)
- RISS—Regional Information Sharing System
- ALERRT—Active Shooter Training
- IACP's National Center for Prevention of Violence Against Police and the IACP Officer Injury Study Program

Additionally, through its National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC), BJA also provides state, local, and tribal law enforcement and justice agencies with no-cost, customized technical assistance and expertise from within the law enforcement field. This assistance can include remote or on-site consultation with local or national experts on any issue relevant to officer safety, resulting in recommendations or other assistance to the requesting agency. More information on this service is available at <http://bjatraining.org/>.

For more information, please visit <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/>.

COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (COPS)



The COPS Office is dedicated to advancing public safety through community partnerships, problem-solving techniques, and organizational strategies which proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues.

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(COPS, *continued...*) To ensure public safety, it is paramount that we provide those who are dedicated to protecting and serving our communities with the necessary tools to do their jobs safely. The COPS Office offers a number of funding opportunities aimed at enhancing the officer safety.

- The COPS Hiring Program (CHP)
- Community Policing Development (CPD) Program
- Critical Response Technical Assistance program

Additional resources and publications relating to officer safety can be found at <http://cops.usdoj.gov>.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI)



The FBI publishes Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted each year to provide information about the officers who were killed, feloniously or accidentally, and those officers who were assaulted while performing their duties. The FBI collects these data through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program.

When reviewing the tables, charts, and narrative summaries presented in this publication, readers should be aware of certain features of the Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted (LEOKA) data collection process that could affect their interpretation of the information. These features are noted on the site.

The study of data related to officers killed and assaulted provides both law enforcement professionals and academics with an opportunity to develop contemporary policies and procedures to address threats to law enforcement officers' safety and well-being.

LEOKA reports concerning officers feloniously killed during calendar year 2009 indicate that:

- 48 law enforcement officers were feloniously killed in the line of duty.
- 15 officers died in ambush situations; 8 officers died from felonious attacks during arrest situations.
- Most officers slain in 2009 (45 of the 48) were killed with firearms.

Additional information can be found at <http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/killed/2009/aboutleoka.html>.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE (NIJ)



The National Institute of Justice—the research, development, and evaluation agency of the U.S. Department of Justice—is dedicated to improving knowledge and understanding of crime and justice issues through science. NIJ provides objective and independent knowledge and tools to reduce crime and promote justice, particularly at the state and local levels. NIJ-funded research has made a marked contribution to officer safety.

For more information about NIJ, please visit <http://nij.gov/> or see the research flyer.