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Department Of Justice Announces \$42 Million to Combat Illegal Manufacture and Distribution of Methamphetamine and Opioids

LEXINGTON, Ky.- The Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) today announced nearly \$42 million in funding to support state-level law enforcement agencies in combating the illegal manufacturing and distribution of methamphetamine, heroin, fentanyl, carfentanil, and prescription opioids.

In Kentucky, the Kentucky State Police (KSP) will receive \$2,455,320 in funding to support investigations into trafficking in heroin, fentanyl, or carfentanil or the unlawful distribution of prescription opioids.

"Opioids and methamphetamine are the two greatest drug threats facing the Commonwealth, and this funding will be invaluable in assisting the Kentucky State Police to pursue targeted investigations and enforcement actions involving the unlawful distribution of these poisons throughout Kentucky," said Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

"These are real federal resources to the tune of \$2 million to assist Kentucky's Finest in saving the lives of our families, friends, neighbors from meth and opioids" said Russell Coleman, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky

"The scourge of opioid and methamphetamine use continues to take a devastating toll on our nation's communities," said COPS Office Director Phil Keith. "By providing these resources to law enforcement to help combat the further spread, the COPS Office is demonstrating our commitment to this Administration's priority of reducing drug use and protecting our citizens from this public health and safety crisis."

Drug overdose deaths and opioid-involved deaths continue to increase in the United States. Deaths from drug overdose are up among both men and women, all races, and adults of nearly all ages, with more than three out of five drug overdose deaths involving an opioid. More than 130 people die every day in the United States after overdosing on opioids, while methamphetamine continues to be one of the most commonly misused stimulant drugs in the world and is the drug that most contributes to violent crime.

The COPS Office is awarding more than \$29.7 million in grant funding to 14 state law enforcement agency task forces through the Anti-Heroin Task Force Program (AHTF). AHTF

provides three years of funding directly to state-level law enforcement agencies with multijurisdictional reach and interdisciplinary team (e.g., task force) structures, in states with high per capita rates of primary treatment admissions for heroin, fentanyl, carfentanil, and other opioids. This funding will support the location or investigation of illicit activities through statewide collaboration related to the distribution of heroin, fentanyl, or carfentanil or the unlawful distribution of prescription opioids.

- Kentucky State Police received \$1,455,320 from ATHF.

Through the COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program (CAMP), the COPS Office is also awarding \$12 million to 12 state law enforcement agencies. These state agencies have demonstrated numerous seizures of precursor chemicals, finished methamphetamine, laboratories, and laboratory dump seizures. State agencies are being awarded three years of funding through CAMP to support the location or investigation of illicit activities related to the manufacture and distribution of methamphetamine, including precursor diversion, laboratories, or methamphetamine trafficking.

- Kentucky State Police received \$1 million in funding from CAMP.

The AHTF and CAMP funding has a tremendous impact on state investigative and seizure work. During the five month period between October 2019 and February 2020, current AHTF grantees reported the seizure of over \$4 million in cash and 1,213 firearms. Similarly, for CAMP, grantees reported seizures of more than \$7 million in cash and 1,577 firearms.

The complete list of Anti-Heroin Task Force Program award recipients, including funding amounts, can be found here: <https://cops.usdoj.gov/ahtf-award>

The complete list of COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program award recipients, including funding amounts, can be found here: <https://cops.usdoj.gov/camp-award>

The COPS Office is a federal agency responsible for advancing community policing nationwide. Since 1994, the COPS Office has invested more than \$14 billion to advance community policing, including grants awarded to more than 13,000 state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies to fund the hiring and redeployment of approximately 135,000 officers and provide a variety of knowledge resource products including publications, training and technical assistance. For additional information about the COPS Office, please visit www.cops.usdoj.gov.

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