

PROGRAMS SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT

Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program

BJA's Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Policy and Implementation Program is for law enforcement agencies seeking to pilot, establish, or enhance BWC policy and implementation programs. It addresses how to develop and implement policies and practices for effective program adoption, including the purchase, deployment, and maintenance of camera systems and equipment; data storage and access; and privacy considerations. While BWC equipment may be purchased under the program, award recipients must first demonstrate a commitment and adherence to a strong BWC policy framework, including required training.

Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program

Through the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program, any recognized unit of general government (states, counties, federally recognized Indian tribes, cities, and local jurisdictions) accepted by the U.S. Census Bureau that employs law enforcement officers is eligible to apply for funding for the sole purpose of purchasing bullet-resistant body armor for its sworn law enforcement officers.

A jurisdiction's chief executive is required to complete the online registration and to provide general oversight and approval of key transactions between the BVP Program and the jurisdiction's participating law enforcement agencies. BVP recipients are reimbursed up to 50 percent of the cost of each unit of eligible body armor purchased for their law enforcement officers.

Collaborative Model to Improve Law Enforcement Investigations of Human Trafficking

The Collaborative Model to Improve Law Enforcement Investigations of Human Trafficking assists law enforcement agencies—and their communities—in developing effective and sustainable multidisciplinary task forces that implement coordinated, victim-centered approaches to identify victims of sex and labor trafficking. The model also addresses the individualized needs of victims by providing them with services, as well as investigating and prosecuting sex and labor trafficking cases at the local, state, tribal, and federal levels.

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the leading source of federal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The JAG Program provides funding to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system through flexible, multipurpose formula grants to states, local governments, and Indian tribes. Awards support a wide range of criminal justice and public safety initiatives, including law enforcement; courts, crime prosecution, and indigent defense; crime prevention and education; corrections and community corrections; drug treatment and enforcement; justice system strategic planning; technology for law enforcement



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and public safety; and crime victim and witness services and programs.

Intellectual Property Enforcement Program: Protecting Public Health, Safety, and the Economy from Counterfeit Goods and Product Piracy

The Intellectual Property Enforcement Program provides national support to improve the capacities of criminal justice systems to address intellectual property (IP) enforcement. The program includes training and technical assistance in prosecution and prevention to support law enforcement agencies in the objectives and activities of their IP enforcement task forces with their relevant state, local, tribal, and federal agencies, including local U.S. Attorneys' Offices.



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Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration Initiative

Administered by BJA in partnership with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC) Integration Initiative encourages local jurisdictions to work with their local ATF crime gun intelligence centers to collectively leverage their intelligence, technology, and community engagement. This initiative provides funding to swiftly identify unlawfully used firearms and their sources, and effectively prosecute perpetrators engaged in violent crime.

National Officer Safety Initiatives

BJA's National Officer Safety Initiatives (NOSI) Program develops innovative programs to address and increase officer safety based on needs, emerging trends, and concerns brought on by the challenges, threats, and situations that law enforcement officers face every day. These threats and challenges can take a toll on officers and, if left unaddressed, can lead to emotional and physical stress, injuries, and even fatalities. NOSI helps prepare law enforcement officers to not only better address the emotional and mental aspects of police work but also the tactical aspects of the profession in order to be safer, healthier, and serve their communities and agencies to the best of their abilities.



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Law Enforcement Cyber Center

Coordinated by BJA, the Law Enforcement Cyber Center (LECC) is a web-based information system that provides local, state, and tribal law enforcement with resources to help them learn about, investigate, and solve cybercrimes; share cyber threat information; and collaborate with regional and federal authorities. It serves as a central online resource to meet the needs of chiefs, investigators, line officers, digital forensic examiners, technical support staff, and other practitioners.

National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative

The National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative assists law enforcement and prosecutors in addressing the challenges associated with unsubmitted sexual assault kits (SAKs) and reducing the number of unsubmitted SAKs in their jurisdictions. The initiative provides evidence and tools to help solve and reduce violent crimes associated with sexual assault while achieving the long-term goal of improving the criminal justice response to cases of sexual assault. Using a victim-centered approach, jurisdictions build their capacities to inventory, test, and track SAKs and improve practices related to investigation, prosecution, and victim engagement and support in connection with evidence and cases resulting from the testing process. The program also helps sites prevent future development of conditions that lead to high numbers of unsubmitted SAKs.



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Project Safe Neighborhoods Program

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) fosters safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in violent crime by primarily addressing violent crime, criminal gangs, and the felonious possession and use of firearms. Through ongoing coordination, cooperation, and partnerships of local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies—and the communities they serve—and led by the U.S. Attorney in all 94 districts, this comprehensive approach to public safety marries focused law enforcement efforts with community engagement, prevention, and reentry efforts.

Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program

The Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program provides death and education benefits to survivors of fallen law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other first responders. The PSOB Program also provides disability benefits to officers catastrophically injured in the line of duty.

Public Safety Partnership

The Public Safety Partnership (PSP) is an innovative framework from the Department of Justice that enhances its support of state, tribal, and local law enforcement officers and prosecutors in the investigation, prosecution, and deterrence of violent crime, especially crime related to gun violence, gangs, and drug trafficking. This approach enables cities to consult with and receive coordinated training and technical assistance and resources to enhance their local violence-reduction strategies. PSP has two distinct levels of engagement: Diagnostic and Operations. These two complementary levels of engagement are based on the needs of a jurisdiction and allow for delivery of data-driven, evidence-based strategies tailored to each participating city so it can better address its serious violent crime challenges.

Regional Information Sharing Systems® (RISS) Program

The Regional Information Sharing Systems® (RISS) Program provides services and resources that directly impact law enforcement's ability to successfully resolve criminal investigations and prosecute offenders while providing the critical officer safety event deconfliction, which is necessary to keep law enforcement safe. RISS serves thousands of local, state, federal, and tribal criminal justice agencies in their efforts to identify, detect, deter, prevent, and solve criminal and terrorist-related investigations. The RISS Secure Cloud (RISSNET™) provides information and intelligence sharing resources, investigative support and analytical services, and deconfliction information.



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Rural and Tribal Law Enforcement Violent Crime Initiative

To be introduced in fiscal year 2019, the Rural and Tribal Law Enforcement Violent Crime Initiative will augment the Public Safety Partnership program by providing training, technical assistance, grant education, strategic support, and equipment to rural and tribal law enforcement experiencing precipitous increases in violent crime. The initiative will leverage Department of Justice law enforcement assets to increase intelligence sharing and support task forces in these rural and tribal jurisdictions to strengthen their capacity for driving down violent crime.

Strategies for Policing Innovation Program

The Strategies for Policing Innovation Program provides resources and opportunities to enable law enforcement agencies to identify and define their most pressing crime problems and institute lasting operational and organizational changes. The program funds the testing of promising crime prevention, response, and reduction practices and the implementation of evidence-based strategies. It supports improving the effectiveness and efficiency of police agencies' processes and procedures; the implementation and testing of justice information-sharing technology; and establishing a system for evaluating effectiveness.

VALOR Initiative: Officer Robert Wilson III Preventing Violence Against Law Enforcement Officers and Ensuring Officer Resilience and Survivability

The VALOR Initiative is an effort to improve the immediate and long-term safety, wellness, and resilience of our nation's law enforcement officers through a multifaceted approach that includes delivering innovative no-cost training (professional education), conducting research, developing and providing resources, and establishing partnerships that benefit law enforcement officers. The VALOR Initiative is continuously evolving to address the various issues, concerns, and trends that law enforcement officers face and integrates the latest research and practices to address all aspects of their safety, wellness, and performance.

About BJA

BJA helps to make American communities safer by strengthening the nation's criminal justice system: Its grants, training and technical assistance, and policy development services provide state, local, and tribal governments with the cutting edge tools and best practices they need to reduce violent and drug-related crime, support law enforcement, and combat victimization.

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