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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of information collection under review; analysis protocol: Enhanced evaluation PSP.

The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. The COPS Office, on behalf of the Department of Justice has submitted the following information request utilizing emergency review procedures, to OMB for review and clearance in accordance with sections 1320.13(a)(1)(ii) and (a)(2)(iii) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The COPS Office has determined that it cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures under this Part of the Act because normal clearance procedures are reasonably likely to prevent or disrupt the collection of the information. Therefore, OMB emergency approval has been requested by May 11, 1998.

If granted the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. All comments and questions pertaining to this pending request for emergency approval must be directed to OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Department of Justice Desk Officer (Mr. Dennis Marvich), Washington, D.C. 20530. Comments regarding the emergency submission of this information collection may also be submitted to OMB via facsimile at (202) 395-7285. During the first 60 days of this same review period, a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. All comments and suggestions, or questions regarding additional information, to include obtaining a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions should be directed to: Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, 1100 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including

whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Ms. Stacy Curtis, 202-633-1297, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, 1100 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530.

Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time should be submitted to Stacy Curtis, Social Science Analyst, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, 1100 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530, or via facsimile at (202) 616-5998.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* New collection.

(2) *Type of the Form/Collection:* Analysis Protocol: Enhanced Evaluation PSP.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form: COPS 24/01. Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Local law enforcement agencies that received a Problem-Solving Partnerships (PSP) grant and that were selected to participate in an enhanced evaluation of their PSP grant.

The PSP grant is a one-year grant program designed to support local law enforcement agencies in entering collaborative agreements with non-profit community-based entities to fight a specific crime problem through an innovative community policing plan. Grants were awarded to 470 jurisdictions in 1997. As described by the PSP initiative, it was required that

a minimum of 5% of awarded funds be used to assess the impact of the problem-solving approach on the target problem. Currently the COPS Office is entering into collaborative agreements with a sub-group of approximately 15 PSP grantees to fund the implementation of an enhanced evaluation. This enhanced evaluation will allow the COPS Office to document the process and outcomes of applying a problem-solving model to five problem types: auto-theft, loitering/disorderly conduct, residential burglary, robbery, and street-level drug dealing. The analysis protocol in consideration covers all areas necessary to document the processes and outcomes of sites' problem-solving projects.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* Analysis Protocol: Enhanced Evaluation PSP: Approximately 120 respondents, at 7 hours per respondent (including record-keeping).

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* Approximately 840 hours.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

[DEA Number 170M4]

Task Force on Suspicious Orders Meeting

AGENCY: Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Justice.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Suspicious Orders Task Force (SOTF) will be held on May 19-20, 1998. The panel will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days at La Mansion del Rio, 112 College Street, San Antonio, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to compose the SOTF final report that will be submitted to the Attorney General.