

## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Information Collection Under Review; New Collection Regional COPS Count Survey.

The Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, has submitted the following information collection request to the Office Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with emergency review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OMB approval has been requested by March 3, 1999. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. Comments should be directed to OMB, Office of Information Regulation Affairs, Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20530.

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 Marcia O. Samuels, COPS Count Project Manager, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Grant Monitoring Division, 1100 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530, or via facsimile at (202) 633-1293.

Request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. 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, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions 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.

Overview of this collection:

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

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* COPS Count Survey.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form: COPS 31/01. 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:* The COPS Count Project surveys agencies who currently have been awarded a Hiring and/or MORE grant from the COPS Office. The information collected provides an accurate up to date account on the status of officers hired/redeployed.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* Estimated number of respondents: 10,813. Estimated time for average respondent to respond: .75 (15 min.  $\times$  3 times per year = 45 min.)

(6) *An estimate of the total of public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* Approximately 8,109.75 annual burden hours.

*If additional information is required contact:* Mrs. Brenda E. Dyer, Deputy 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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**Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Notice of Information Collection Under Review; National Survey of Police Executives, District Commanders and Agencies.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval is being sought for the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal**

**Register** on August 12, 1998 to allow 60 days for public comment. Emergency OMB approval has been requested by March 3, 1999.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments from the date listed at the top of this page in the **Federal Register**. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 Code of Federal Regulation, Part 1320.10. Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC, 20530. Additionally, comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to 202-395-7285. Comments may also be submitted to the Department of Justice (DOJ), Justice Management Division, Information Management and Security Staff, Attention: Department Clearance Officer, Suite 850, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20530. Additionally, comments may be submitted to DOJ via facsimile to 202-514-1534. Written comments may also be submitted to the COPS Office, PPSE Division, 1100 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530, or via facsimile at (202) 633-1386.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following points: (1) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency/component, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's/component's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions 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.

The proposed collection is listed below:

(1) *Type of information collection.* New collection.

(2) *The title of the form/collection.* National Survey of Police Executives, District Commanders and Agencies