



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES

COPS

Office of the Director
145 N Street NE, Washington, DC 20530

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Dear colleague:

The U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) is committed to supporting the nation's campus law enforcement community. Campus law enforcement professionals such as yourself provide safe and secure environments for the millions of students, faculty, and staff who work in our nation's system of higher education.

I am writing to encourage you to take advantage of the resources available from the COPS Office in support of your public safety efforts. In addition to providing funding for hiring new campus community policing officers, the COPS Office also provides a host of freely available publications on a wide variety of topics that will be of interest to you. These include best practices on building trust with the communities that you serve; campus threat assessment case studies; ways to establish appropriate staffing levels for campus police; and guidance on dealing with demonstrations, underage drinking, and rave parties. All of these products are available for download or ordering via the COPS Office's website (www.cops.usdoj.gov).

In addition to these resources, I suggest that you review the findings and recommendations included in the *Final Report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing* (www.cops.usdoj.gov/policingtaskforce). The recommendations provide meaningful solutions to help law enforcement agencies and communities strengthen trust and collaboration, while ushering the nation into the next phase of community-focused policing. The findings and recommendations cover a wide range of topics, including changing the culture of policing, embracing community policing concepts, ensuring fair and impartial policing, focusing on officer wellness and safety, implementing new technologies, and building community capital. The issues discussed in this report are directly relevant not only to state and local law enforcement agencies but also to campus public safety agencies.

Finally, I wish to also draw your attention to the National Center for Campus Public Safety (www.nccpsafety.org). Established in 2013, the center provides critical information and resources to campus communities and is supported in part by our colleagues at the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance.

I encourage you to use these resources to engage in important discussions about your campus public safety programs and to find new ways to make them even more effective, so that they can



have a positive impact on the lives of the students and staff whom you serve. I hope these resources will help you to meet your critically important goals and lead the way to new opportunities for strengthening the safety and security of our nation's campuses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Davis', written in a cursive style.

Ronald L. Davis
Director

