

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.

Dated: February 25, 1999.

Brenda E. Dyer,

Deputy Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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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; 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

(3) *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection.*

Form: COPS 28/01. Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, United States Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract.* A sample of local law enforcement agency heads and precinct/district commanders that have received grant funding from the COPS Office will be surveyed regarding the nature and extent of community policing implementation in their agencies and precincts/districts.

To uphold its mandate, the COPS Office has awarded hiring and redeployment grants, innovative grants, and training grants to over 10,000 law enforcement agencies nationwide. While the COPS Office has made significant strides in funding officers it is important to consider the 1994 Crime Bill and the emergence of COPS in a long-term perspective. The proposed survey aims to answer questions regarding the nature and extent of community policing implementation across the United States.

COPS data and prior national surveys of community policing implementation are limited in their capacity to describe how extensive community policing implementation is. In addition, existing data sets do not permit exploration of the likelihood that implementation of community policing varies within jurisdictions, particularly large ones that are decentralized to precinct or district levels. This factor is particularly important because a key element in much of the community policing reform literature is the importance of delegating decision making to the lowest level in the organization. The National Survey of Police Executives, District Commanders and Agencies will be able to capture variations within a jurisdiction.

Surveys will incorporate elements that the COPS Office has identified as key components of community policing and will draw upon prior surveys, other literature, and prior knowledge to develop a comprehensive listing of community policing elements. Questions will provide more precise information about the extent to which each element is implemented.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* This collection is being conducted in two phases as a pilot survey and a larger follow-up survey. Two sections, Section A and Section B will be utilized; a total of approximately 6700 respondents will be surveyed. Estimated time to complete Section A is

20 minutes with no preparation time; estimated time to complete Section B is 1.5 hours including preparation time.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection.* Approximately 6141.6 hours.

Public comment on this proposed information collection is strongly encouraged.

Dated: February 26, 1999.

Brenda E. Dyer,

*Department Deputy Clearance Officer,
Department of Justice.*

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

International Competition Policy Advisory Committee (ICPAC) Meeting

The International Competition Policy Advisory Committee (the "Advisory Committee") will hold its fourth meeting on March 17, 1999. The Advisory Committee was established by the Department of Justice to provide advice regarding issues relating to international competition policy; specifically, how best to cooperate with foreign authorities to eliminate international anticompetitive cartel agreements, how best to coordinate United States' and foreign antitrust enforcement efforts in the review of multijurisdictional mergers, and how best to address issues that interface international trade and competition policy concerns. The meeting will be held at The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Root Conference Room, 1779 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 and will begin at 1:30 p.m. EST and end at approximately 4:30 p.m. The agenda for the meeting will be as follows:

1. Multijurisdictional Merger Review
2. Trade and Competition Policy Interface Issues
3. Enforcement Cooperation
4. Work Program: Next Steps

Attendance is open to the interested public, limited by the availability of space. Persons needing special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other special accommodations, should notify the contact person listed below as soon as possible. Members of the public may submit written statements by mail, electronic mail, or facsimile at any time before or after the meeting to the contact person listed below for consideration by the Advisory Committee. All written submissions will be included in the public record of the Advisory

Committee. Oral statements from the public will not be solicited or accepted at this meeting. For further information contact: Merit Janow, c/o Marianne Pak, U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, 601 D Street, N.W., Room 10011, Washington, D.C. 20530, Telephone: (202) 353-9074, Facsimile: (202) 353-9985, Electronic mail: icpac.atr@usdoj.gov.

Merit E. Janow,

Executive Director, International Competition Policy Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Foreign Claims Settlement Commission

[F.C.S.C. Meeting Notice No. 3-99]

Sunshine Act Meeting

The Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, pursuant to its regulations (45 CFR Part 504) and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice in regard to the scheduling of meetings and oral hearings for the transaction of Commission business and other matters specified, as follows:

Date and Time: Friday, March 12, 1999, 2:00 p.m.

Subject Matter: Hearings on the Record on Objections to Proposed Decisions on claims against Albania, as follows:

Claim Nos. ALB-318 Fotini Kales
ALB-319 Pauline Kostakos
ALB-322 Eleftheria Demetrios

Status: Open.

All meetings are held at the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, 600 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC. Requests for information, or advance notices of intention to observe an open meeting, may be directed to: Administrative Officer, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, 600 E Street, NW., Room 6002, Washington, DC 20579. Telephone: (202) 616-6988.

Dated at Washington, DC, March 1, 1999.

Judith H. Lock,

Administrative Officer.

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