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## Community Policing in Action Photo Contest

**Instructions:** The law enforcement agency must ensure that a Photograph Consent, Waiver, and Release form is completed by each individual recognizable in the photograph(s) or, in the case of a minor, from each minor’s parent or legal guardian. Please reprint this form as necessary and include all signed originals with the law enforcement agency’s official photo contest submission.

### **PRIVACY CONSENT, WAIVER, AND RELEASE**

#### **AUTHORIZING USE AND DISCLOSURE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGE**

##### **Notice to Individuals**

The United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office), is seeking photographs from law enforcement agencies for the Community Policing in Action Photo Contest. There is no cash award or other prize associated with the photo contest. Selected photographs may be featured in DOJ press releases, web content, e-newsletters, publications, presentations, documents, reports, and social media posts for official business purposes. Selected photographs will be disseminated to the public via DOJ websites, or DOJ’s authorized accounts on third party websites (including, but not limited to, Facebook, YouTube and Twitter), or in any other media format. The collection of photographs for the photo contest is authorized pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 301, 44 U.S.C. § 3101, and the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, Pub. L. No. 103-322, 108 Stat. 1796 (1994). The photographs will be used and disseminated primarily to support DOJ’s missions, including enabling the COPS Office to advance the practice of community policing by the nation’s state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies through information and grant resources. Providing permission to DOJ to use your photographic image is entirely voluntary.

##### **Consent, Waiver, and Release by Individuals**

By signing below,

I **Authorize** DOJ to collect photograph(s) containing my photographic image from law enforcement agencies for the photo contest and use, disclose, and disseminate my photographic image to the public to support DOJ’s missions as stated above.

I **Understand** that DOJ has no control over how third parties may use or disseminate my photographic image featured in any of the DOJ formats available to the public as described above.



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**I Understand** that my photographic image may, in some instances, be protected by the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a) and if so, that any DOJ use, disclosure, and dissemination of that information would be subject to the consent and other provisions of the Privacy Act. I also understand that my photographic image will be used, maintained, secured, and disseminated as provided in the relevant DOJ system of records notice, available at <https://www.justice.gov/opcl/doj-systems-records>.

**I Understand and Agree** that under photo contest rules DOJ will retain a non-exclusive, irrevocable, and royalty-free license to use, or authorize others to use, my photographic image in any format for Federal Government purposes. I also understand and agree that I waive any right to royalties or other compensation or fees arising from or related to such uses of my photographic image.

**I Agree** to waive, release, and hold harmless DOJ and its components, bureaus, divisions, offices, employees, contractors, agents, and assignees, from any and all claims of action or damages of any kind arising from, or in any way connected to, the use or dissemination of my photographic image as stated in this Photograph Consent, Waiver, and Release Form.

**I Certify** that I am at least 18 years of age (or if under 18 years of age, that I am joined herein by my parent or legal guardian) and that this consent, waiver, release is signed voluntarily, under no duress, and without expectation of compensation in any form now or in the future. Thus, by signing below, I hereby consent to the release and disclosure to the public of my photographic image collected or captured about me on this day, the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_.

To be completed by individual recognizable in photograph:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Full Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

To be completed by the parent or legal guardian if individual recognizable in photograph is under 18 years of age:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Parent/Legal Guardian Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

To be completed by law enforcement agency representative: (Please print legibly.)

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Law enforcement agency

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Brief (one-sentence) description of photo