



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

COPS

Office of the Director
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Dear Colleagues,

The United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) has partnered with the Hawthorne Police Department to conduct the first national Coffee with a Cop day to be held on October 7, 2016.

As many of you know, Coffee with a Cop is an innovative program started by the Hawthorne (California) Police Department (HPD) in 2011 in response to tensions between the police and the community. The HPD wanted to help break down barriers, so they came up with a simple plan: Officers invited their residents to join them for a cup of coffee and a conversation. They called it Coffee with a Cop, and it has been spreading like wildfire ever since the first cup was poured. Today more than 2,000 law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve have participated in this program.

The Coffee with a Cop program has received funding support from the COPS Office, and its growth since 2011 continues at an exponential rate, reaching thousands of agencies throughout the United States and abroad (including Canada, Australia, Europe, and Africa). In fact, Coffee with a Cop was highlighted in the Final Report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing as a way to build community trust and confidence.

I hope your agency will join us on October 7 and become part of a national movement focused on building trust between law enforcement and the communities we serve.

For more information on how to join the movement and to find the tools and logos to help your agency plan your event, please visit [Coffee with a Cop's website](#). We also ask that you share your event through Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, YouTube, or your other favorite social media platform.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Davis
Director