



POLICE CHIEFS SUPPORT BYRNE-JAG SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING

*The IACP Calls on the Senate Committee on Appropriations to retain
Byrne-JAG funding*

As the Senate Committee on Appropriations begins to mark-up the FY 2008 Emergency Supplemental Legislation, the International Association of Chiefs of Police calls on the committee to retain the \$490 million in Byrne-JAG funds currently in the bill. The Byrne JAG program is a highly successful program that enjoys broad support within the law enforcement community because of its proven record in helping law enforcement agencies to fight crime effectively.

As you know, in the FY 2008 Omnibus Appropriations Act, funding for the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne-JAG) Program was cut by 68 percent. The IACP is profoundly concerned about the funding levels for this critical state, tribal, and local law enforcement assistance program.

It is the IACP's belief that, if a funding cut of this magnitude is sustained, it could severely reduce, if not cripple, the ability of law enforcement agencies to protect their communities from crime and violence.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Please feel free to contact the IACP's Legislative Affairs department at 703-647-7226 or mays@theiacp.org.

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