



National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)

Law Enforcement Issues

1. Community Oriented Policing (COPS) funding re-establishment
2. Racial Profiling
3. Juvenile Justice Issues (Including: youth violence and gang activity)
4. Offender Reentry
5. Communications/Technology
6. Domestic Terrorism
7. Research of Police Use of Excessive Force
8. Research of Non lethal weaponry
9. Domestic Violence

While each of the aforementioned areas requires attention, it is vital that the following factors be considered:

Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS): Fully fund and reauthorize as appropriate. In the past, NOBLE was renowned and sought after for its community policing training under the auspices of the Department of Justice, COPS program. Additionally, throughout the year, NOBLE provides Community Engagement Training that encourages positive relationships and collaboration strategies between law enforcement and the community. Funding to support such initiatives should continue.

Liaison with Attorney General's Office: NOBLE believes opportunities have been lost during the past administration and would like to re-establish an effective collaborative relationship with the Attorney General's Office.

Juvenile violence and Gang Violence: Enact and fully fund Youth Promise Act. During the Spring of 2008, NOBLE hosted a series of Youth Town Hall meetings in Philadelphia; Richmond; Washington, DC; Newark; and Baltimore. The project was funded through a grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation. Howard University graduate students captured the meeting minutes and incorporated them into a 26-page white paper, titled *Uncovering the Causes of Youth Violence –A Community Perspective*. The paper provides a brief literature review, methodology, findings from the town hall meeting, and policy recommendations. The development of the White Paper was directed by Howard University professor Dr. Terri Adams-Fuller. Who unveiled and discussed the final project at the NOBLE 32nd Annual Training Conference and Exhibition in New York. NOBLE is in the process of hosting more town hall meetings in the mid-west and west in Spring 2009 and believe sufficient public funding should be made available to support initiatives of this nature as prevention and intervention measures.



Offender Re-entry: Fully fund the recently authorized Second Chance Act. Offender reentry is a main concern of law enforcement. According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics (2007), the recidivism rate is approximately 70%. Therefore, the likelihood of re-offending is great and lowering the probability of future offenses is of major importance. NOBLE is currently conducting research on offender re-entry programs, training, education, rehabilitation, and corporate policies regarding hiring practices.