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**Letter from Attorney General Jefferson B. Sessions
Second Annual Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service in Policing**

Dear Colleagues,

I am proud to announce that we are requesting nominations for the second annual Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service in Policing. This award recognizes individual state, local, or tribal sworn, rank-and-file police officers and deputies for exceptional efforts in innovative community policing strategies, criminal investigations, and field operations that have proven effective in enforcing our laws. I am pleased to announce that the nomination process for this award is now available on <https://www.justice.gov/ag/policing-award>.

Maintaining mutual respect and cooperation between law enforcement officers and the communities we serve is a top priority for the Department of Justice and this administration. After his inauguration, President Trump directed me—through three executive orders—to reduce crime in America, dismantle transnational criminal organizations, and support the dedicated men and women of law enforcement. Today's announcement is in furtherance of the President's directives.

Within and across this country's more than 18,000 local law enforcement agencies, individual rank-and-file officers and deputies serve important and invaluable roles in the communities they serve by practicing proven proactive policing strategies that are effective. The Department of Justice is committed to supporting initiatives and opportunities that reflect the enormous importance of law enforcement officers and deputies to keep this great nation's communities safe and make them even safer.

The Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service in Policing will be administered by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, and I will present the awards to the selected officers and deputies at a ceremony later this year. I invite you to nominate exceptional officers and deputies who embody the principles of policing and the spirit of this award. The deadline for nominations is April 23, 2018.

Please visit <https://www.justice.gov/ag/policing-award> to learn more about the award and submit your nominations.

Sincerely,

Jefferson B. Sessions III
Attorney General