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2017 SYMPOSIUM ADVANCES CRIME REDUCTION STRATEGIES

WASHINGTON – The Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance will sponsor the 2017 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program (BCJI) Symposium, highlighting approaches to reducing crime, enhancing community-police collaboration and stimulating revitalization in neighborhoods throughout the country. Since 2012, <u>65 sites</u> received a combined \$42.4 million in BCJI grants, with proven results in reducing crime and organizing more effective and efficient methods for deployment of public resources.

More than 125 police chiefs, community and faith leaders, philanthropists and lawmakers are expected to attend the symposium to engage in panel discussions and participate in peer-to-peer conversations.

- WHAT: 2017 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program (BCJI) Symposium
 Building Partnerships for Crime Reduction
 Full Agenda at www.bja.gov/2017BCJISymposium
 - WHO: OJP Acting Assistant Attorney General Alan R. Hanson BJA Acting Director Tracey Trautman
- WHEN: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 9:30 a.m. EDT
- WHERE: Capitol View Conference Center 101 Constitution Ave. NW Washington, D.C.

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