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### **JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS MORE THAN \$6.3 MILLION FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS TO SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITIES**

WASHINGTON, DC – The Justice Department’s National Institute of Justice (NIJ) today announced nine awards to eight institutions and organizations for research and evaluation projects to identify meaningful solutions to support law enforcement investigations and help law enforcement agencies and communities strengthen mutual trust and collaboration.

These investments are part of NIJ’s strategic research plan, which supports the recommendations of the President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing, to advance law enforcement technology, improve policing practices, promote police-community engagement, and advance officer and public safety at the state, local and tribal levels.

“Public safety relies on community partnerships, innovative technology, problem solving and research-based policing policies and practices,” said NIJ Director Nancy Rodriguez. “These awards represent NIJ’s continued commitment to advance policing science.”

The awards specifically help identify strategies to reconnect the police with the communities they serve, improve officer wellness and safety, protect the privacy of witnesses and victims of crime, combat child pornography, and address unprocessed sexual assault evidence. Following are today’s award recipients and titles of their projects:

- The Police Foundation, Washington, D.C.  
*The National Police Research Platform: Phase 3* (\$1,799,002) and  
*A New Approach to Utilizing Evidence from Sexual Assault Kits in Texas: Benefits and Costs of a Universal Testing Statute* (\$235,794)
- Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla.  
*Targeted Forensic Data Extraction From Mobile Devices* (\$541,232)
- National Opinion Research Center, Chicago, Ill.  
*Law Enforcement Officers Safety and Wellness: A Multi-Level Study* (\$970,795)
- New York University, New York, N.Y.  
*Advanced learning techniques for detection of contraband video* (\$465,815)
- Old Dominion University Research Foundation, Norfolk, Va.  
*Assessing Procedural Justice during Police-Citizen Encounters with Officer Surveys, Citizen Surveys, And Systematic Social Observations* (\$392,986)
- Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.  
*Police Officer Learning, Mentoring, and Racial Bias in Traffic Stops* (\$279,810)
- University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.  
*An Evaluation of a Social Interaction Training Program to Reduce the Use of Force and Build Legitimacy* (\$799,454)
- Georgia Tech Research Institute /Georgia Tech Applied Research Corporation, Atlanta, Ga.

*Remote Methods for Volunteering Evidence on Mobile Devices* (\$438,161)

- University of Rhode Island, Kingston, R.I.

*Deep Patrol: Finding Illicit Videos for Law Enforcement* (\$396,686)

In response to a number of serious conflicts between law enforcement and the communities they serve, President Obama formed the task force to identify best practices and recommend ways policing methods can promote effective crime reduction while building public trust. The results and recommendations are detailed in the *Final Report of The President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing*, issued in May 2015.

The report and its Implementation Guide are located here:

[http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/taskforce/TaskForce\\_FinalReport.pdf](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/taskforce/TaskForce_FinalReport.pdf) ;

[http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/taskforce/Implementation\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/taskforce/Implementation_Guide.pdf).

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