In addition to fighting domestic crime, law enforcement is assuming more duties to protect America’s communities against terrorist threats. Law enforcement supports the Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) mission to secure America by preventing and deterring terrorist attacks, and to protect against, and respond to threats and hazards to the nation. State and local law enforcement receive federal funds to assist with the DHS mission through the following DHS programs: the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP), the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP), and the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI).

Since the beginning of the 108th Congress, NAPO has expended great efforts every fiscal year to urge Congress and the Administration to fund these vital programs. The following link includes a DHS press release, which details DHS grant allocations for fiscal year 2013: http://www.dhs.gov/news/2013/08/23/dhs-announces-grant-allocation-fiscal-year-fy-2013-preparedness-grants.

If you have any questions about DHS grants and their impacts on the law enforcement community, please contact Melissa Nee at: mnee@napo.org.

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