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Colleagues:

The United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) has once again partnered with the Hawthorne (California) Police Department to promote National Coffee with a Cop Day to be held on October 4, 2017.

As many of you may know, Coffee with a Cop is a movement designed to help break down the barriers in communities between residents and officers that can make it hard to address crime and public safety. It is a simple plan: Officers invite their residents to join them for a cup of coffee and a conversation. It has been spreading like wildfire ever since the first cup was poured, and today more than 2,000 law enforcement agencies throughout the United States participate in this movement.

When the movement began, the Hawthorne PD received funding support from the COPS Office to spread Coffee with a Cop, and we have continued to follow its growth and look for new ways to share the story of its success. Last year, we participated in the inaugural National Coffee with a Cop Day, when more than 600 events took place in communities around the United States and Canada and it became the day's #7 trending item on Twitter. If you participated last year, thank you for making the event such a success.

I hope your agency will join us again—or for the first time—on October 4 this year and become part of this national movement focused on building relationships between law enforcement and the communities you serve.

For more information on how to join the movement and to find the tools and logos to help your agency plan your event, please visit Coffee with a Cop's [website](#). We also ask that you share your event through Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, YouTube, or your other favorite social media platform.

Sincerely,

Russell Washington  
Acting Director