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NEW BODY ARMOR WEBSITE PROVIDES CRITICAL SAFETY INFORMATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

WASHINGTON –The Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs (OJP) today announced the launch of a new resource for law enforcement and corrections officers when seeking information on high-quality, life-saving equipment. PoliceArmor.org, a product of OJP’s Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and National Institute of Justice (NIJ) features news and information on body armor that meets the standards set forth by NIJ. It is a resource provided by the people who write the standards, test the products and promote officer safety. It is a one-stop resource for body armor information.

PoliceArmor.org is hosted by NIJ’s National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center and offers information on how to select, purchase, wear, and care for body armor. It also highlights NIJ’s Compliance Testing Program and the importance of wearing protective vests and includes accounts of officers’ surviving potentially deadly assaults.

BJA administers a variety of federally-funded programs designed to improve the safety of law enforcement and corrections officers. One of those programs, The Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 provides federal funds to state and local jurisdictions to purchase vests. NIJ manages a voluntary compliance testing programs to ensure that the personal body armor sold to law enforcement agencies across the United States performs effectively.

For more information, contact asknlectc@justnet.org. The Office of Justice Programs, headed by Assistant Attorney General Karol V. Mason, provides federal leadership in developing the nation’s capacity to prevent and control crime, administer justice, and assist victims. OJP has six bureaus and offices: the Bureau of Justice Assistance; the Bureau of Justice Statistics; the National Institute of Justice; the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; the Office for Victims of Crime; and the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART). More information about OJP and its components can be found at www.ojp.gov

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