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## Mainstream Media Focuses on Congressional Funding for Local Law Enforcement

Thanks to focused attention of local law enforcement and Members of Congress, the mainstream media is finally paying attention to the implications of proposals to shift Federal resources away from local law enforcement programs. Media ranging from MSNBC to USA Today are now focused on rising violent crime rates and efforts of Congress to assure that local law enforcement has access to necessary crime-fighting resources. A recent San Jose Mercury News article entitled **As violent crimes rise, law enforcement officials battle \$1.1 billion funding cut**, stated:

“Last month, the **Senate Appropriations Committee** expressed ‘disappointment’ that the White House would ignore ‘the largest increase in violent crime in the United States since 1991’ and slash funding for state and local law enforcement.”

The article goes on to note that the Senate Appropriations Committee, chaired by **Sen. Richard Shelby**, R-AL, included \$537 million for COPS and Byrne Justice Assistance Grants in the Senate spending bill, while the House of Representatives passed its bill containing \$545 million for local law enforcement in late June.

Law enforcement leaders, working through the National Sheriff's Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police and other law enforcement associations, have been active in making sure that Congress is aware of local law enforcement's very real need for continued Federal funding support. **Pegasus Advisory Board Member Sheriff Larry Amerson, Sheriff of Calhoun County, AL**, recently spoke for local law enforcement nationwide in expressing sincere appreciation to Senator Shelby for his leadership in this vitally important area.

## Pegasus Service Focus: Consular Notifications

The Pegasus Consular Notifications Service is designed to assist participating law enforcement agencies in complying with U.S. legal obligations to ensure that foreign governments can extend appropriate consular services to their nationals arrested

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or detained in the U.S. The **U. S. State Department** serves as a subject matter expert on this Pegasus Program effort.

Agencies interested in learning more may want to **contact the Pegasus Support Center** or visit the **State Department website** for official information concerning the rights of foreign nationals in the U.S., as well as free tools and other resources.

### Agency Spotlight: Brown County OH Sheriff's Office

**Sheriff Dwayne Wenninger** leads the Brown County Sheriff's Office in Georgetown, Ohio. The Brown County Sheriff's Office carries out a full complement of patrol, investigation, court service and jail operations. Brown County SO is a leading proponent of law enforcement information sharing as a law enforcement "force multiplier", and views the Pegasus System as a key resource. **Chief Deputy John Dunn** recently noted:

"Pegasus has turned out to be one of the most used information resources in our Office. The Media Alerts section makes it easier to issue and keep track of media releases. Secure Messaging is very helpful now, and when every Sheriff's Office uses the program, the ability to contact every Sheriff's Office by Secure Message will be a great resource for every Office in the U.S. We need to stop reinventing the wheel and combine our resources, and Pegasus is a great place to start!!!"

For more info, see [www.browncountyohiosheriff.us](http://www.browncountyohiosheriff.us).

### Pegasus Reminder: Update Agency Directory Info

The Pegasus Agency Directory is a listing of contact information for 20,000+ law enforcement and emergency responder agencies across the Nation. In addition to agency contact information, the Agency Directory contains more detailed information about every Pegasus Authorized User, showing the permissions assigned to every Authorized User.

**All Pegasus Participating Agencies are reminded to review their own Agency Directory listing to assure that the information in it is current. In addition, Authorized Users are asked to notify the Pegasus Support Center of any Agency Directory information that is incorrect or out-of-date.** Please contact the Pegasus Support Center at 800.392.4312 with updates or corrections.

### Comments? Questions?

Agencies with questions or comments are invited to **contact Pegasus Program Staff at 501-975-9111** or the **Pegasus Support Center at 800-392-4312**.