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John M. Ropes
Acting Director
Office of Noise Abatement
and Control
Environmental Protection Agency
ANR 471
1921 Jefferson Davis Highway
Crystal Mall Building #2
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Dear Mr. Ropes:

The International Brotherhood of Police Officers has long recognized the important health benefits of a quieter environment. Thus, we have not only supported state and local efforts toward the effective noise control and have provided technical assistance to local police departments in the proper enforcement of the noise laws, but have also supported efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of police officers.

We recognize the impact that excessive noise has on individual health, particularly its correlation with high stress. It is important that police officers, given the already stressful nature of their work, be exposed to as little excessive noise as possible. We believe that quieter police vehicles would accomplish this goal.

As such, the IBPO enthusiastically lends it support for the Environmental Protection Agency's "By-Quiet" Program, and we encourage police departments across the country to utilize police vehicles, patrol cars and motorcycles, which have the highest "quiet" rating.

Sincerely,

Kenneth T. Lyons,
National President

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