

NORTH DAKOTA

Violent crime reports increase

■ Accounts of murder, rape, aggravated assault go up in past two years

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Reports of violent crime made to police — murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault — have gone up, generally and rather markedly, during the past two years in North Dakota's three largest cities.

According to the annual crime reports by police departments in Grand Forks, Fargo and Bismarck, rape and aggravated assault, especially, have shown steep increases in the past year or two, compared with previous years.

In Grand Forks, the total violent crimes reported the past two years averaged 105 per year, compared with an average of 65 in 2002-05.

Fargo had an average of 199 violent crimes reported each of the past two years, compared with 147 per year the previous four years. Bismarck police received an average of 120 reports of violent crime in 2007 and 2006, compared with only 42 on average from 2002-05, according to the police departments' fig-

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North Dakota Law Enforcement and First Responder Funding

COPS (1994 – 2007)	\$42.0 M
Byrne/JAG and Local Law Enforcement Block Grants (1988 – 2007)	\$43.1 M
State Homeland Security Program (2003 – 2007)	\$55.1 M
Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (2004 – 2007)	\$14.8 M

**Note: Local Law Enforcement Block Grants merged into Byrne/JAG in 2005.
Source: DOJ, DHS, and ND Attorney General's Office**

COPS Grants Support Safe Communities

- **Hiring police officers (over 100,000 nationwide, including 274 in North Dakota)**
- **Fighting methamphetamine**
- **Supporting tribal law enforcement**
- **Ensuring secure and safe schools**
- **Providing law enforcement technology assistance**

President Proposes Deep Cuts in Law Enforcement and First Responders

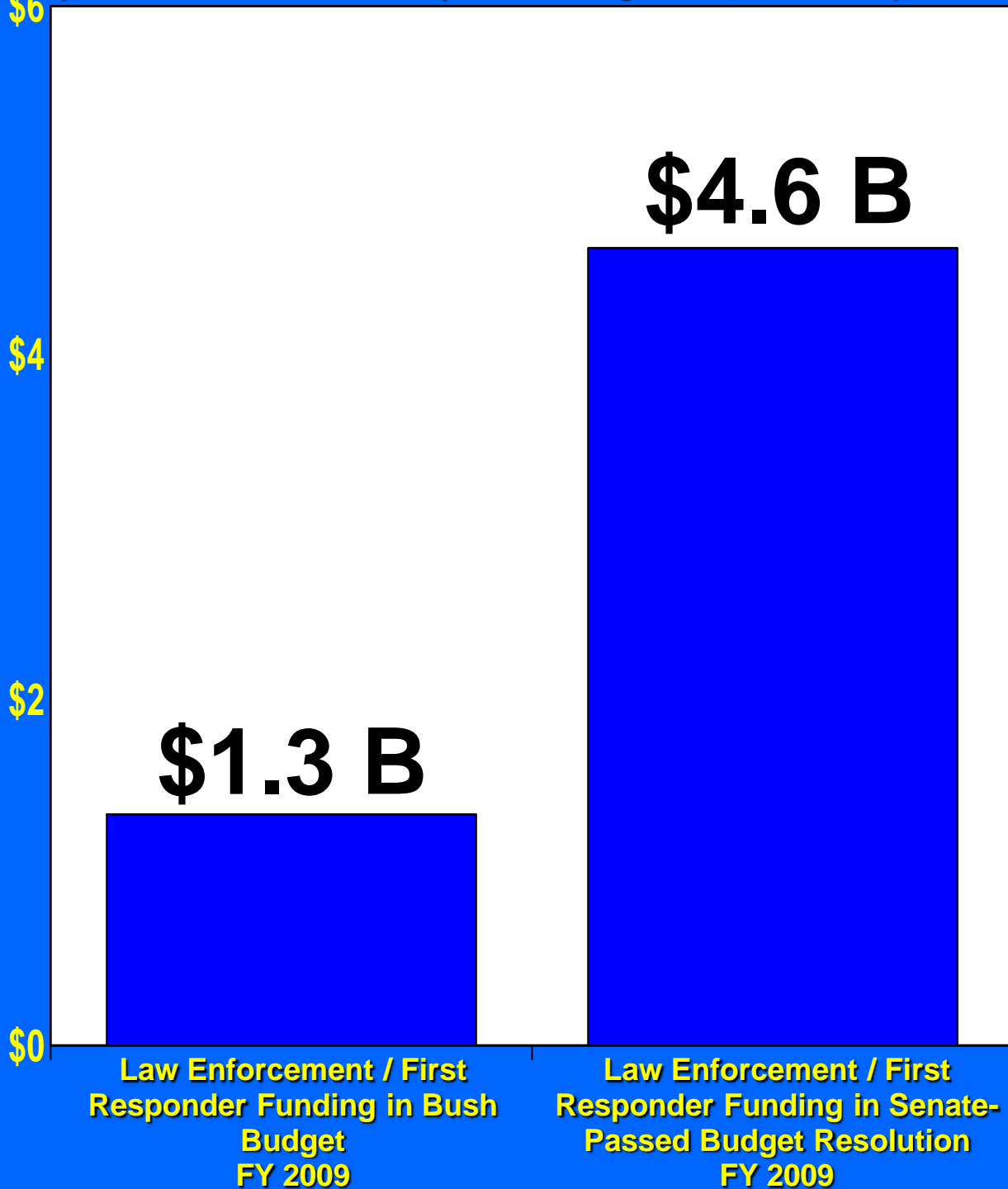
<u>Program</u>	<u>% Cut</u>
COPS	100%
Byrne/Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)	100%
Interoperable Communications Grants	100%
DHS State First Responder Grants	78%
Firefighter Grants	61%

Source: CBO, SBC

Note: Percent cut below 2009 CBO baseline

Senate-Passed Budget Resolution Provides \$3.3 Billion More Than Bush Budget for Law Enforcement and First Responders

\$6 (Law enforcement and first responder funding in 2009, \$ in billions)



Source: CBO, SBC

Note: Law enforcement funding includes COPS program, Byrne Justice Assistance Grants, DHS Firefighter Grants, State Homeland Security Grants, and Urban Area Security Initiative Grants