

OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS - PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS BENEFITS
(Dollars in thousands)

	Perm. <u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2002 Obligations.....	\$164,702
2003 President's Budget Request.....	53,054

Adjustments-to-base:			
Transfer to the Justice Assistance Appropriation.....	-53,054
2004 Current Services.....
Program Improvements.....
2004 Request.....

<u>Comparison by activity and program</u>	<u>2003 President's Budget</u>			<u>2004 Current Services</u>			<u>2004 Request</u>			<u>Program Changes</u>		
	<u>Perm Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Perm Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Perm Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Perm Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. Public Safety Officers Death Benefits Program.....	\$49,054	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. Disability Benefits Program 2/	4,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	53,054	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

2/ This program is classified by the Administration as a discretionary account.

Program Description

The PSOB Program's mission is to provide financial and emotional assistance to the eligible survivors of federal, state, and local public safety officers who have died as the result of traumatic injury or who are permanently and totally disabled as the direct result of a catastrophic injury sustained in the line of duty, and to provide educational assistance to the spouse and children of slain or totally disabled public safety officers.

Program Realignment

Consistent with the Government Performance and Results Act, the 2004 budget proposes to streamline the decision unit structure of DOJ components to align more closely with the mission and strategic objectives contained in the DOJ Strategic Plan (FY 2001-2006). In addition, the budget has been realigned to reflect each component's outputs and full costs by major program activity, including the costs of management and administration, so that a more accurate picture of total activity costs is reflected in the budget. In this way, budget and performance are more closely linked, and provide a better basis on which to make budget decisions. Over time, agencies will be expected to identify effective outcome measures, monitor their progress, and accurately present the associated costs.

As part of its effort to realign resources to the DOJ strategic plan, the 2004 budget proposes to move funding for this program under the Justice Assistance account. In 2004, \$57,877,000 is requested for this in the Justice Assistance appropriation under the Direct Services of Ceime Decision Unit.