



LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION PARTNERSHIP

ADVANCING JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY SOLUTIONS

This press kit includes information about the Law Enforcement Action Partnership, a new collaborative effort which evolved from Law Enforcement Against Prohibition to become the first collective voice of law enforcement professionals in the U.S. seeking to reform the criminal justice system. Below is a brief history and overview of our organization and profiles for several of our expert representatives available to comment on criminal justice and policing issues.

Who We Are

In 2002, five retired police officers founded Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit composed of police and other criminal justice professionals dedicated to educating the public about the harms of drug prohibition. In January 2017, while reaffirming our commitment to ending the War on Drugs, LEAP became the Law Enforcement Action Partnership in order to advocate for solutions across a broader range of drug policy and criminal justice issues.

Mission

Our mission is to unite and mobilize the voice of law enforcement in support of drug policy and criminal justice reforms that will make communities safer by focusing law enforcement resources on the greatest threats to public safety, promoting alternatives to arrest and incarceration, addressing the root causes of crime, and working toward healing police-community relations.

www.LawEnforcementActionPartnership.org

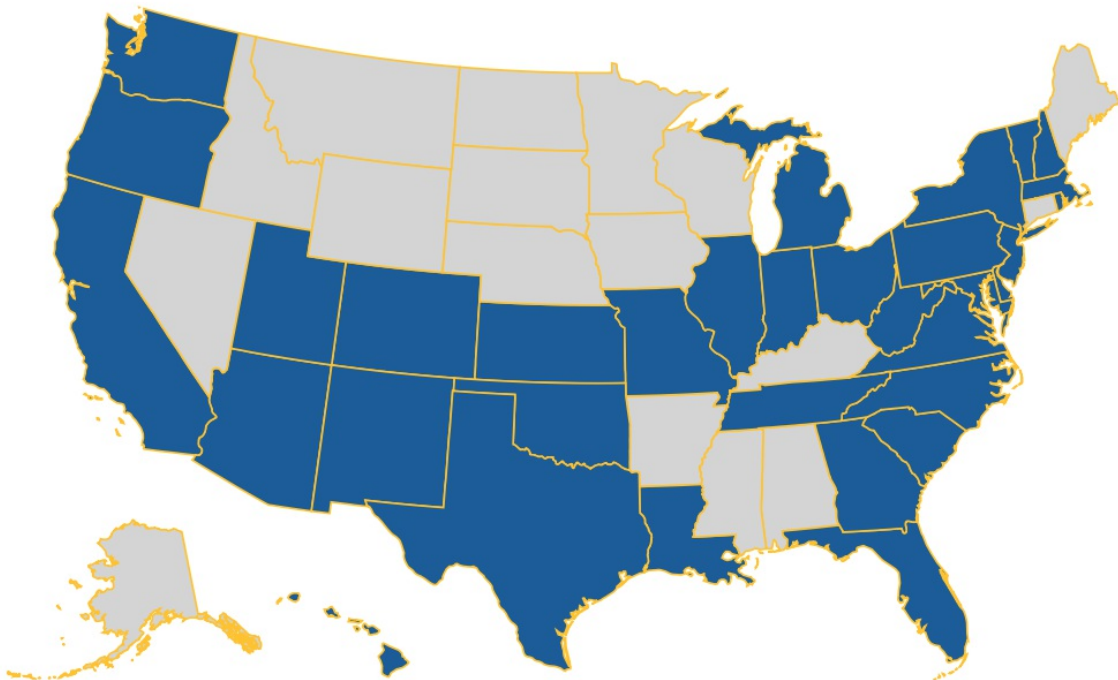
We are composed of -

180 law enforcement representatives in the U.S. and abroad

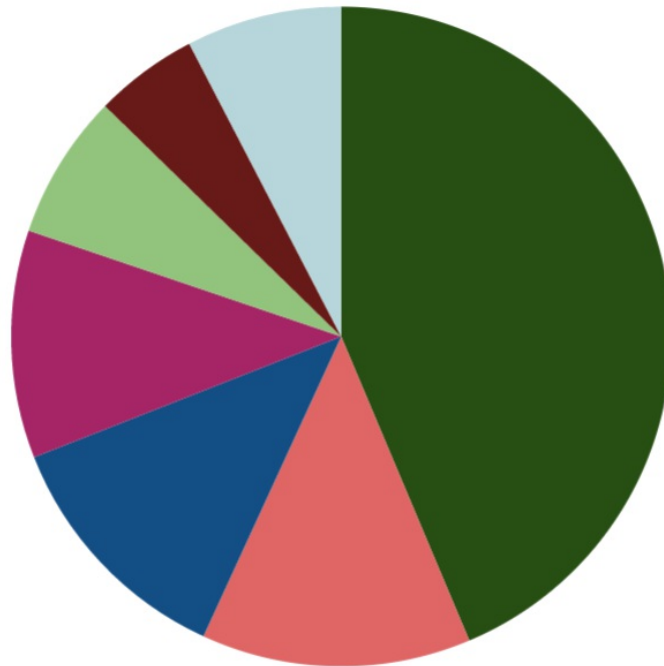
Over 5,000 criminal justice and law enforcement members, and counting

A small, dedicated staff of media and event coordinators and communication strategists

New experts are always joining our speakers bureau. Today, they can be found in 37 states and Washington, D.C.



LEAP Representatives Speak from Career Experience



■ State and Local Police (43.65%) ■ Prosecutors/District Attorneys (13.20%) ■ Federal Law Enforcement (12.18%)
■ Corrections and Parole .. (11.17%) ■ Judges (7.11%) ■ Military Law Enforcement (5.08%) ■ Public Officials (7.61%)

We focus on public safety improvements

Reduce overcriminalization and
overincarceration

Abolish civil asset forfeiture

De-militarize law enforcement

End the War on Drugs

Enact sentencing reforms

Implement pre-booking
diversion programs

Adopt harm reduction practices

Improve police training

**See our position papers at www.LawEnforcementActionPartnership
for more details**

As Seen In...



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**Maj. Neill Franklin (Ret.)
Baltimore & Maryland State Police Departments
Baltimore, MD
Executive Director**

Over his 34-year career, Neill Franklin watched hardworking and dedicated fellow police officers die in the line of fire enforcing policies that are ineffective at reducing crime and improving public safety. After 23 years with the Maryland State Police, including as an undercover narcotics officer and as the head trainer for drug enforcement, Neill was recruited by the Baltimore Police Department to reorganize its education and training division. He is the executive director of the Law Enforcement Action Partnership.

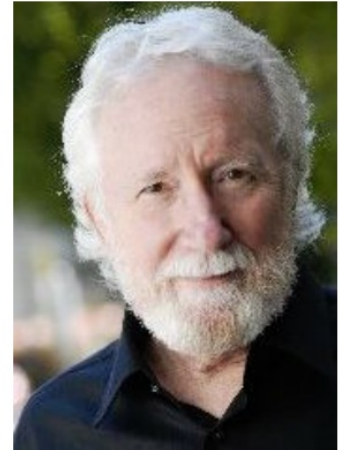
**City Attorney Peter Holmes
City of Seattle
Seattle, WA**

After nearly 25 years of working as a business litigation attorney, Peter Holmes was elected to be the Seattle City Attorney, the only elected city attorney in Washington state. He serves as Seattle's misdemeanor prosecutor and has supervisory control of all of the city's litigation. Holmes has worked extensively to reduce prosecutions that disproportionately impact low-income residents and to end unconstitutional and unethical policing practices. In 2002, he was appointed as an original member of the Seattle Police Department's first civilian oversight body, the Office of Professional Accountability Review Board, and served as chair from 2003 to 2008. He has a B.A. in American Studies, with a focus on Energy and Environmental Sciences, from Yale College. He earned his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1984.



Chief Norm Stamper (Ret.)
Seattle Police Department
Orcas Island, WA
Advisory Board Member

Norm Stamper was a police officer for 34 years, the first 28 in San Diego, and the last six as Seattle's police chief. In his 28 years with SDPD Norm rose quickly through the ranks and as deputy chief served in each of the department's bureaus. Norm earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in Criminal Justice Administration from San Diego State University and his Ph.D. in Leadership and Human Behavior from United States International University. He is a graduate of the FBI's National Executive Institute. Over the past three decades he has conducted organizational effectiveness and leadership training and consulting for both public and private organizations throughout North America. He is the author of *Breaking Rank: A Top Cop's Expose of the Dark Side of American Policing*, and most recently, *To Protect and Serve: How to Fix America's Police*.



Superintendent Richard Van Wickler
Cheshire County Department of Corrections
Cheshire County, NH
Executive Board Chair

Richard Van Wickler began his law enforcement career in 1987 and has been the Superintendent of the Cheshire County Department of Corrections in Keene, NH, since June of 1993. He served three years in the U.S. Army and retired in December 2006 after 26 years of service. Van Wickler was a senior instructor for Army ROTC at the University of New Hampshire and retired as a Course Manager for the New Hampshire Military Academy. Rick is also an adjunct faculty instructor of American Corrections for Keene State College. He has participated in discussions about international drug policy reform at the United Nations and has testified before the New Hampshire legislature on several occasions. Van Wickler holds a B.S. in Management from Franklin Pierce University and is a co-recipient of the President's Community Partner Award from Antioch University Graduate School. He was selected as Correctional Superintendent of the Year in 1997 and 2011. He also received New Hampshire's Profile Service Award for his many contributions for County Government in 2009.



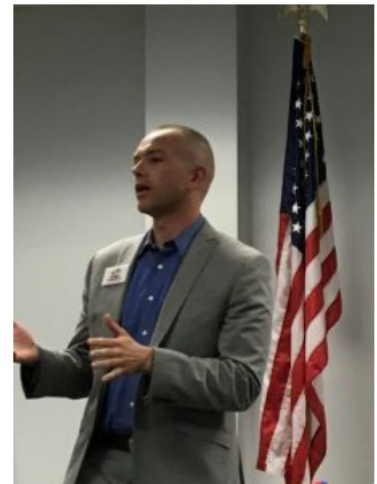
Lt. Commander Diane Goldstein (Ret.)
Redondo Beach Police Department
Santa Ana, CA
Executive Board Member

Diane Goldstein was the first female lieutenant in her department and spent more than 20 years with the Redondo Beach Police Department. After joining the force, she rose from a Patrol Officer and School Resource Officer to Sergeant in the Special Investigations Unit, finally retiring as a Lieutenant Commander. Diane received the California Association of Hostage Negotiators' Honorary Life Member Award, and earned the Herman Goldstein Excellence in Problem Solving Team Award (Honorary Mention) for her work on a gang interdiction task force.



James Spadola
Crime Prevention and Analysis Officer
Newark, DE

James Spadola is a Crime Prevention and Analysis Officer for a police department in Delaware. During his freshman year of college, he enlisted in the Army Reserve in response to the 9/11 attacks. He served in Iraq with the 744th Military Police Battalion. During his year-long deployment, James served as a prison guard when his armored vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device, and he was awarded the Combat Action Badge. After graduating from college, James was an underwriter for Merchant Cash and Capital before joining the police force in 2008. As a police officer, he's created several community outreach initiatives, most notably the #HugACop campaign. In 2016, James ran for the Delaware State Senate. He earned a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Delaware and an M.B.A. from Wilmington University. He has studied Arabic in Yemen and the United Arab Emirates.



Former Assistant State's Attorney Inge Fryklund
Cook County, Chicago, IL
Bend, OR
Executive Board Member



Inge Fryklund was a prosecutor in Chicago, where she served as Supervisor of the Criminal Appeals Division in the Office of the Cook County State's Attorney. She was responsible for all criminal appeals out of that county. More recently, she spent almost five years in Afghanistan, working with the legal system and advising national, provincial, and municipal governments. She is a law school graduate the University of Chicago and holds a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.

Judge George Eskin (Ret.)
California Superior Court
Santa Barbara, CA

A graduate of the UCLA School of Law, Judge George Eskin was the Chief Assistant City Attorney in charge of the Criminal Division, where he supervised a staff of about 125 prosecutors. Appointed to the California Superior Court in 2003, he was assigned to a criminal trial department for most of his ten years on the bench. The Ventura County District Attorney honored Judge Eskin with the 2002 Woodruff J. Deem Medal of Justice Award. He is also a recipient of the Santa Barbara Criminal Defense Bar Association's Lifetime Achievement Award and the Ventura County Criminal Defense Bar Association's Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Criminal Justice System.





**Former Prosecutor, The Rev. Teresa Smallwood
Sixth Prosecutorial District of North Carolina
Chicago, IL**

After beginning her career in public interest law at Legal Services of Southern Piedmont and the Children's Law Center, Teresa Smallwood became an Assistant District Attorney for the Sixth Prosecutorial District of North Carolina. She prosecuted cases ranging from high-level drug cases for first-degree murder. In 2005, she became ordained as a Baptist minister. She earned a master's degree from Howard University School of Divinity and is a Ph.D. candidate in Theology, Ethics, and Human Sciences at the Chicago Theological Seminary.

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