



LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION PARTNERSHIP

ADVANCING JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY SOLUTIONS

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2016 Annual Report



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**Formerly Law Enforcement Against Prohibition*

Dear Supporter,

Since our founding in 2002, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition has served as the criminal justice voice of drug policy reform. Our speakers, with their unique perspective on why our current drug policies have failed, bring an unassailable credibility to the subject that has allowed them to reach audiences other reform groups can't. Our message of ending the War on Drugs in favor of more practical, ethical drug policies reaches millions every year, and as our message has gained exposure in recent years, we have experienced a significant increase in request for our speakers – and the organization overall – to comment on criminal justice topics outside of our position on drug policy. Criminal justice reform has unprecedented bipartisan support, and LEAP is perfectly positioned to speak out on issues related to the War on Drugs... issues that impact police and the communities they serve.

Knowing this, in 2016 Law Enforcement Against Prohibition began a process of evolution. Our board and staff worked to expand our mission into the broader field of criminal justice reform while maintaining a keen focus on our drug policy work, and on January 17, 2017 we officially launched under our new name... the Law Enforcement Action Partnership. Our new name reflects the core of our organization:

Law Enforcement: This is our unique contribution to drug policy and other criminal justice reform. Our commitment to addressing criminal justice issues from a law enforcement perspective and restoring trust between police and the communities they serve remains steadfast.

Action: Working toward practical solutions to justice and public safety issues has never been more important.

Partnership: We will continue to build our internal network of criminal justice experts speaking out for more practical, ethical criminal justice policies. And we will continue to build on our invaluable alliances with fellow drug policy and criminal justice reform organizations, working together for a better criminal justice system and improved public safety.

By highlighting our positions on issues such as harm reduction, incarceration and criminalization, police-community relations, and global issues, in addition to our longstanding work to end the War on Drugs, we will open new doors and increase our reach as the voice of law enforcement officers working for criminal justice reform.

Visit LawEnforcementActionPartnership.org to read all about our expanded focus.

2016 was a huge year for our organization, and we expect to be even busier in the months and years ahead. Your support keeps our speakers in front of audiences, pushing for broad systemic change, and we need your partnership now more than ever. We look forward to working with you as the Law Enforcement Action Partnership grows!

Thank you,



Major Neill Franklin (Ret.)
Executive Director



Left: Former Police Chief John Dixon, Petersburg (VA) Police Department, joined LEAP as a speaker in 2016. **Center:** Campaign launch for Proposition 64, California's marijuana legalization initiative, which passed in 2016. **Right:** Lt. Commander Diane Goldstein (Ret.) addresses the House of Commons shortly after the official launch of LEAP's U.K. branch.

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You can't have a war on drugs — and I hate that term, 'war' — but you can't have a war on drugs, you can only have a war on people. And the way it's manifested itself here, it ended up being mainly a war on black and brown people for things like mere possession of drugs, where people may have a substance abuse issue. Let me put it this way: We're attempting to solve a public health crisis with criminal justice solutions.

-- Major Neill Franklin (Ret.),
at CNN's town hall forum
Black, White and Blue: America 2016,
July 2016

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Law Enforcement Action Partnership by the Numbers: 2016

Presentations: 2,764

Speakers: 150+

YouTube Views: 2.8 million

Facebook Fans: 133,000

Twitter Followers: 46,000

International Chapters: 5

Meetings with U.S. Legislators: 80

Testimony Submitted by LEAP Speakers: 16



As Seen In...



The
New York
Times



Los Angeles Times

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THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.



The CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
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Esquire

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The
Washington
Times



The Washington Post

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Left: Sir Robert Peel, considered the founder of modern policing. His Peelian Principles defined the ethical requirements for police officers to do their job effectively. **Center:** Officer David Bratzer, LEAP speaker, won a major free speech case in 2016. Here, Officer Bratzer is featured in Victoria, British Columbia's *Times Colonist*. **Right:** Lt. Commander Diane Goldstein (Ret.) and Major Neill Franklin (Ret.) visit Peel's statue in London.

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

LEAP had a remarkable year in 2016. As we focus on our work ahead, we are energized by our evolution into an organization that is able to more thoroughly examine how drug policy influences other areas of criminal justice reform. Our ever-expanding impact through speaking tours, media mentions and social media keeps our speakers front and center in calling for an end to the War on Drugs and a push toward more practical and ethical drug laws. Our audience is vast – and our opportunities to educate the public about the critical need for dramatic, fundamental reforms continue to grow. Here are just a few of the things we worked on in 2016:

Sweeping Marijuana Reform

LEAP coordinated endorsement efforts in six states, made more than 50 presentations and 300 media appearances in states with legalization on the ballot leading up to Election Day, and played a pivotal role in educating voters on legalization, regulation, and control as a more practical and ethical approach to marijuana policy. The results were outstanding: California, Maine, Massachusetts, and Nevada voted to legalize, regulate, and control marijuana this year while more states voted to establish or reinvigate medical marijuana programs.

We Reached Millions with Our Message of Legalization, Regulation, and Control in 2016

LEAP appeared in radio, TV, internet, and traditional publications more than 2,500 times in 2016, an average of 210 hits per month. A few highlights included CNN, The Boston Globe, Newsweek, Forbes, L.A. Times, and The Intercept. LEAP speakers also published 70 op-eds and 17 letters to the editor this year.

Our UK Branch Officially Launched

In February – on LEAP Day, to be exact - LEAP's United Kingdom branch officially launched. A press conference in the House of Commons, a community outreach event, and a congratulatory video greeting from philanthropist/entrepreneur Sir Richard Branson got LEAP's newest branch off to a strong start. Detective Sergeant Neil Woods (Ret.) was featured on Sky News video series "The Point" to discuss heroin maintenance programs in October; an estimated 6 million viewers watched the first airing. Later that month, he wrote on the Huffington Post about news out of Scotland that Glasgow will implement safe injection facilities, a dramatic and strategically important policy reform for the UK.

2016 HIGHLIGHTS, cont...

We Worked to Advance Critical Reforms

We worked to advance critical reforms inextricably tied to drug policy, including California's SB 443, a civil asset forfeiture reform bill signed into law this year, ensuring safeguards are in place to secure the property rights of all Californians. LEAP's Lt. Commander Diane Goldstein (Ret.), who was very involved in the effort to pass the bill, commented: "As a career police professional, I have seen how the drug war combined with civil asset forfeiture contributes to the undermining of Californians' civil liberties. SB 443 will help balance the scales of justice by restoring due process and protecting innocent property owners. This win will help us put pressure on the federal government to further protect all Americans' constitutional rights."

In Michigan, Sergeant Ted Nelson (Ret.) addressed the Michigan Advisory Committee to the US Commission on Civil Rights, testifying on the unfairness of civil asset forfeiture policies, particularly regarding racial disparity. Sgt. Nelson's testimony was called insightful, and "critical to better understanding the impact of civil asset forfeiture in the state, and to finding constructive, proactive solutions, ensuring equal access to justice for everyone."

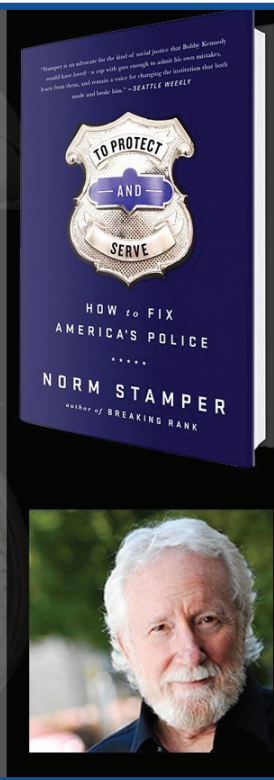
LEAP also assisted in efforts to advance marijuana reform on the federal level, reduce the use of mandatory minimums, create supervised injection facilities, end the use of the death penalty in the Philippines, and stop bills increasing penalties for drug sales. Additionally, several LEAP speakers individually petitioned the Obama administration for clemency for a number of drug prisoners, writing letters on behalf of several prisoners whose sentences were particularly unjust.

LEAP Shared Victory in a Major Free Speech Case

In April, a human rights tribunal ruled that the Victoria (BC) Police Department discriminated against Officer David Bratzer when it unlawfully restricted his off-duty advocacy for LEAP. The tribunal determined that Officer Bratzer has the right to express his beliefs about the failed War on Drugs. Active duty officers speaking for legalization, regulation, and control are a powerful resource, and they are the backbone of LEAP. We will continue to fight for officers' right to speak out while off-duty, as they work to better their communities and the institution of policing itself.

—The Washington Post

***To Protect and Serve* by Norm Stamper**



Police Chief Norm Stamper released his second book, *To Protect and Serve*, in 2016. His press tour included an appearance on *Chelsea* alongside Bill Maher.



Rotary Sunrise
Fort Myers
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Coordinating	Jake Spanberger
Location	Lois Redmond
Edge	Chuck Glazer
Big Master	Anthony Crocker
'50 Losers	"Q" Syne & Anika Bjorkedal
Star Way Test	Terrie Shafer
Director	Norman Lutz

GUEST LIST

Body Starr	Rotary Club of Newport, Vermont
Osei	Rotary Club of Lexington, KY
Y. Tripp	Rotary Club of Fort Myers - South
Conner	Rotary Club of Annandale, VA
Darr Corr	Rotary Club of Yarmouth, MA
ores Bagish	Rotary Club of Morristown, NJ
n Bolger	Rotary Club of Morrisville, PA
nk Newell	Rotary Club of New Market, Ontario
n Potanovic	Rotary Club of Fort Myers - South
Powell	Rotary Club of Mantion, MI
ger Elin	Rotary Club of Warren, RI
ly Chernow	Cortland Breakfast Rotary Club
rell Gerke	Rotary Club of Lanc/Hempfield, PA
Christine Rogers	LEAP and today's speaker

Law Enforcement Against Prohibition

Christine Rogers spent many years in law enforcement, both on the street and in penal institutions. After years of embracing the "War on Drugs" she came to a conclusion. The war on drugs is an epic failure. In 27 years of law enforcement, nothing has changed for the good.

Two years ago she found LEAP, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, and today she passionately spreads its message.

LEAP was formed in 2002 by five police officers. Today, the group is over 100,000 strong, made up of current and former members of law enforcement and criminal justice communities.

LEAP envisions a world in which drug policies work for the benefit of society and keep our communities safer. A system of legalization and regulation will end the violence, better protect human rights, safeguard our children, reduce crime and disease, treat drug abusers as patients, reduce addiction, use tax dollars more efficiently, and restore the public's respect and trust in law enforcement.

Ms. Rogers cited a number of compelling statistics, including the fact that while the United States makes up about 5% of the world population, we house over 25% of the world's prisoners. In fact, the United States federal prison population has increased over 800% if the past 40 years, largely related to individuals imprisoned for drug offenses.

LEAP's goals are: (1) To educate the public, the media and policy makers about the failure of current drug policy by presenting a true picture of the history, causes and effects of drug use and the elevated crime rates more properly related to drug prohibition than to drug pharmacology and (2) To restore the public's respect for police, which has been greatly diminished by law enforcement's involvement in imposing drug prohibition.

LEAP's main strategy for accomplishing these goals is to create a constantly growing speakers bureau staffed with knowledgeable and articulate current and former drug-warriors who describe the impact of current drug policies on: police/community relations; the safety of law enforcement officers and suspects; police corruption and misconduct; and the excessive financial and human costs associated with current drug policies.

Click on this link, <http://www.leap.org/resources/what-is-leap.htm>, if you are involved in an organization that would be interested in this topic.

Quotes from the History of Rotary

"Man has affinity for his fellowman, regardless of race, creed, or politics, and the greater the variety, the more the zest. All friendliness needs is a sporting chance; it will take care of itself in any company."

A Road I Have Travelled, THE ROTARIAN, February 1934
Paul P. Harris (founder of Rotary) (law), Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA.

The Rotary Club of Fort Myers—Sunrise

Left: A vintage "Cops Say Legalize Drugs: Ask Me Why" LEAP shirt. **Center:** Officer James Spadola promotes his "Hug A Cop" program in Delaware. **Right:** Officer Christine Rogers' (Ret.) LEAP presentation was featured in a rotary club newsletter.

2017 and Beyond

On January 17, 2017, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition became the Law Enforcement Action Partnership, addressing criminal justice reform issues outside of – but connected to – drug policy. This expanded scope is a natural fit for our speakers’ criminal justice expertise and will help us to become even more effective at moving the legalization, regulation, and control conversation forward. Most importantly, our work will be centered around improving police-community relations. Law enforcement officers who see that our criminal justice policies are in desperate need of reform can build a bridge between police and community by speaking out and advocating for more ethical, compassionate policies. There is common ground, and we all need to take the steps necessary to reach it together.

Our expanded focus addresses the growing public interest in the criminal justice system’s impact on society, taking on five areas of focus:

Ending the War on Drugs

The War on Drugs is at the root of a staggering array of problems in today’s society, driving the prison industrial complex and destroying police-community relations. Reforming unjust drug laws and advocating for practical, ethical solutions will always be central to our work.

Police-Community Relations

Strong police-community ties are essential for police to do their job effectively and keep their communities safe. Today, many communities’ trust in police is dangerously low: many people are reluctant to speak with officers, witnesses are hard to find, and crimes go unreported. The keys to restoring this trust are providing support for those with mental health and addiction issues before they reach the criminal justice system; ending the War on Drugs and rethinking other policies that criminalize behavior better addressed in other venues; diverting appropriate individuals to intensive support programs so police can focus on crime; improving departmental support and training for officers; and reforming policies that put officers at odds with the communities they serve. Within this topic, we will also address police militarization and other such issues inextricably intertwined with current drug policy.

Incarceration

Though a significant percentage of low-level crime is related to drug addiction and mental health issues, legislators generally rely upon arrest and incarceration as the primary tools with which to fix any behavioral problem. But most law enforcement professionals know how frustratingly ineffective these tools can be. Jails and prisons now house

more people in need of mental health and drug treatment in the US than in facilities designed to address these problems. Magnifying the problem, sentences have grown exponentially in recent years as a result of state policies producing ineffectively long punishments.

Harm Reduction

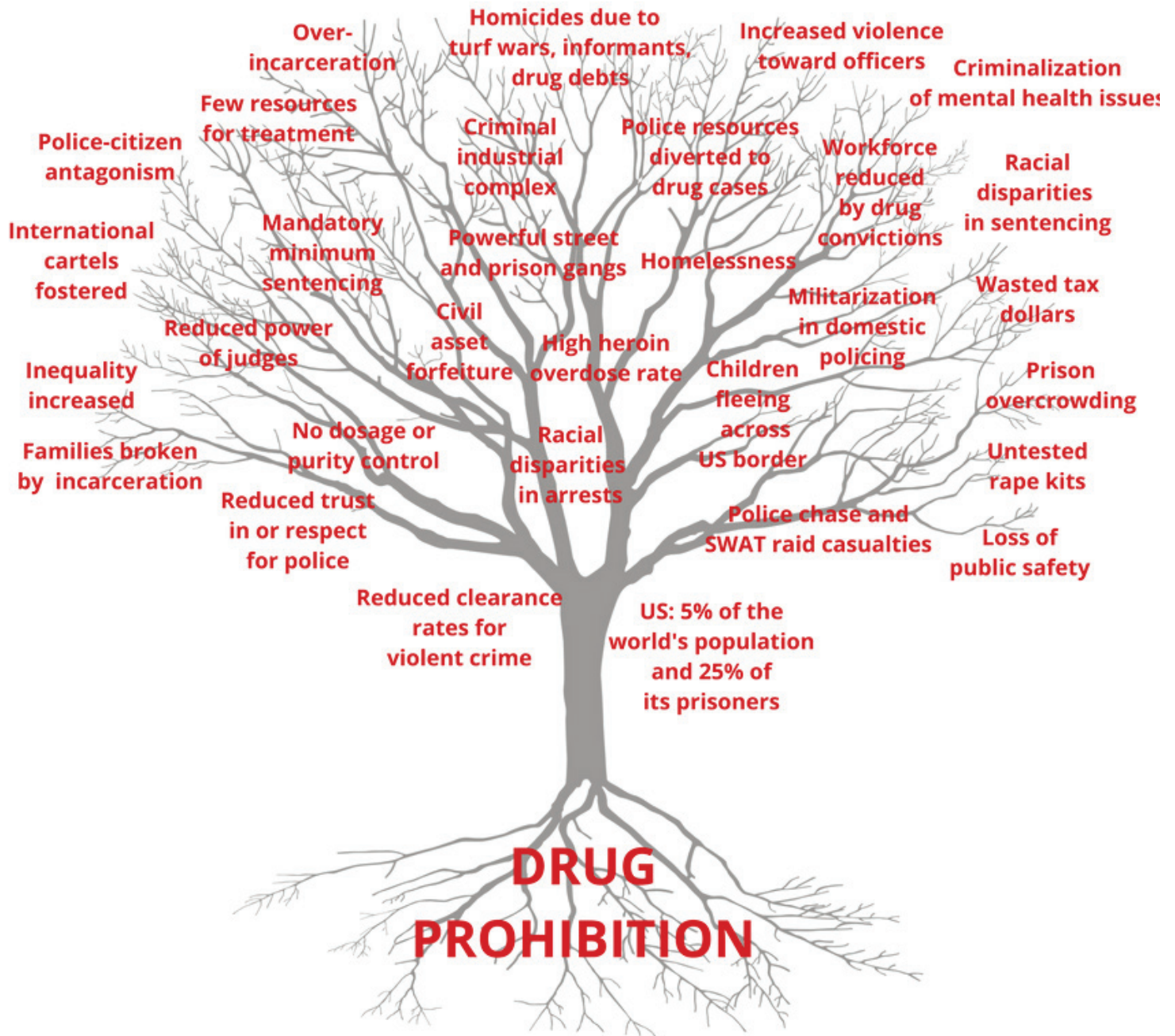
One of the most frustrating things about being in law enforcement is seeing the same people cycle in and out of the system day after day. Many are struggling with drug addiction, yet the police officers called to handle them do not have tools to deal with their root issues. They need support with mental and physical health problems, homelessness, and unemployment to break their addiction, but the criminal justice system's only tools are arrest and incarceration, which often make these problems worse. Though most people relapse repeatedly on their way to quitting for good, failing one drug test can cost them the help they need to quit. As a result, many people cannot stabilize their lives because they lose support right when they need it the most. The Law Enforcement Action Partnership supports harm reduction programs, which help drug users survive their addictions and stabilize their lives rather than demanding that they quit before receiving any support.

Global Issues

Because the Law Enforcement Action Partnership was founded (as Law Enforcement Against Prohibition) to end the War on Drugs, and because the War on Drugs has effects around the world, LEAP remains dedicated to studying the impacts of global drug policy. We call attention to both the disastrous impact of the War on Drugs on other nations and the innovative drug policy solutions other nations are pioneering.

We are moving forward stronger than ever, and we couldn't have gotten here without you. With your partnership, we will continue to build the movement for criminal justice and drug policy reform, advancing justice and public safety solutions.

For full details on our expanded focus, visit LawEnforcementActionPartnership.org



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If the drug war was a business, it would be bankrupt, and it would have been abandoned years ago.

-- Lieutenant Commander
Diane Goldstein (Ret.),
The Beach Reporter (CA),
April 2016.

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2016 Contributors

Justice Roundtable (\$50,000+)

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Tides Center
The Dunn Foundation
Jay and Mary Jayne Jones
The Libra Foundation
The Public Welfare Foundation
RAI Services Company

Chiefs (\$25,000 - \$49,999)

Dr. David Bronner
Drug Policy Action
Fredman Family Foundation
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Captains (\$5,000 - \$9,999)

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2016 Financial Summary

Total Income	\$678,054
Total Expenses	\$563,372
Net	\$114,682

Income Details

Unrestricted grants	\$345,500
Restricted grants	\$140,000
Major donations (\$10K +)	\$110,000
Donations under \$10K	\$74,400
Sales	\$608
Honoraria	\$7,487
Events	\$0
Interest	\$59
Total	\$678,054

Expense Details

Programs:	
Speakers Bureau	\$67,500
Speakers Bureau Salaries	\$80,323
Media/Promotion	\$43,035
Media/Promotion Salaries	\$84,100
Fundraising	\$24,157
Fundraising Salaries	\$73,500
Conferences	\$4,103
International	\$8,094
Subtotal	\$385,012

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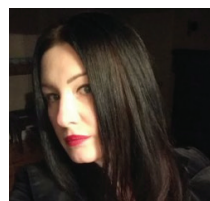
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Speakers Bureau Outreach
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How You Can Help

The Law Enforcement Action Partnership thrives when we all work together to advance justice and public safety solutions. In order for us to accomplish our goals in 2017 and beyond, we need your support.

Here's how you can contribute to the Law Enforcement Action Partnership:

*Visit **www.LawEnforcementActionPartnership.org/donate** to make a donation via credit card or PayPal account.*

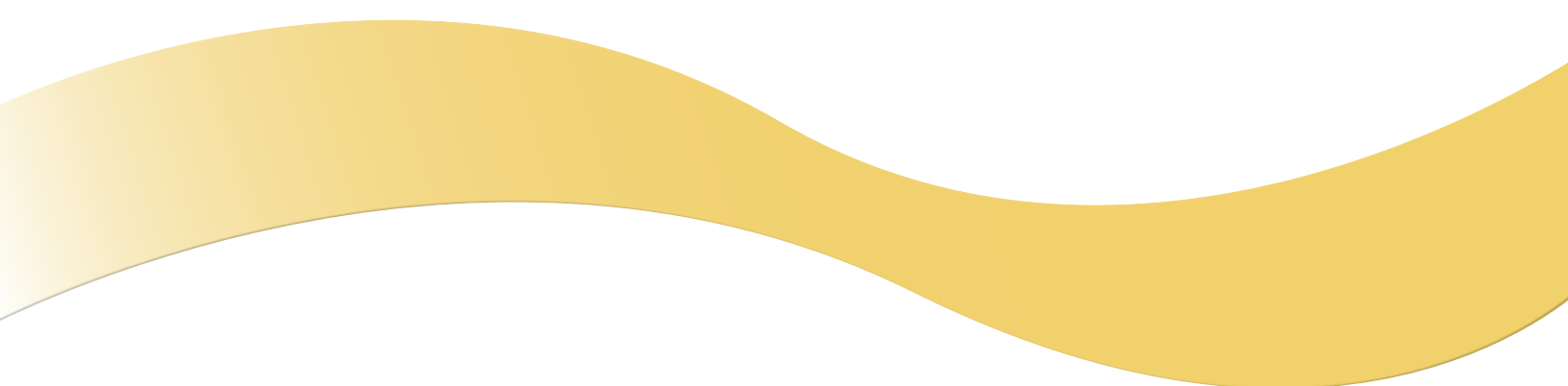
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THANK YOU

The Law Enforcement Action Partnership extends a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated partners, supporters, and volunteers, who devote their time, talents, and resources to building the movement for drug policy and criminal justice reform. Our success is owed in no small part to your contributions, and we look forward to a productive future with all of you.





If we don't speak out
about this issue... we
believe that we are being
disloyal to our profession.



-Major Neill Franklin (Ret.)
LEAP Executive Director





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