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Peter Christ retired as a captain after a 20-year career in policing. After retiring in 1989, Peter began speaking out publicly against the War on Drugs. In 1993, he became one of the first members of ReconsiDer, one of the original forums on drug policy, involving speakers from many diverse backgrounds.

Peter then conceived of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, a drug policy reform group of current and former members of law enforcement modeled on Vietnam Veterans Against the War.

Peter speaks of the drug war's impact on police/community relations, the safety of law enforcement officers and suspects, police corruption and misconduct, and the financial and human costs of failed drug laws. These issues include the effect of drug prohibition on the judiciary, sentencing issues, prison populations and minority communities, as well as the usefulness of drug education programs in reducing drug abuse.

In addition to working for drug policy reform, Peter is a member of the Police Conference of New York, the Western New York Association of Retired Police Officers, and the Police Captains and Lieutenants Association of Erie County.

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