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LAW ENFORCEMENT GROUP WINS UNBUNDLING POLICING CHALLENGE LEAP's Community Responder Model Selected as a Winner in Reimagining Public Safety

Medford, MA — LEAP is proud to announce that we are a winner in the MIT *Unbundle Policing: Reimagine Public Safety Challenge!* The challenge is part of the [Stand Together Ventures Lab Accelerator](#), designed to assist in the implementation or scaling of solutions to reduce adverse law enforcement encounters across the United States. LEAP was selected for our work on the [Community Responder Model](#), and its implementation in cities across the United States.

“At its core, the Community Responder Model diverts 911 calls that do not require an armed response to trained civilian responders or phone-based alternatives,” said Lt. Diane Goldstein, current executive director of LEAP. “Our modeling across ten cities shows that we can safely and effectively divert up to two-thirds of police calls for service to trained civilian alternatives, allowing police officers to focus our efforts on solving crime. We can’t expect police officers to be guardians, social workers, and mediators simultaneously. What people fail to realize is that when we don’t succeed with those other responsibilities, people start to lose faith in policing as an institution, making it harder for us to help keep our communities safe.”

LEAP has played an instrumental role in helping communities develop evidenced-based solutions aimed at repairing police-community relations and building safer, more just communities for all. The award will allow us to continue to work with communities across the country to develop the community buy-in and frameworks necessary to achieve this goal.

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The Law Enforcement Action Partnership ([LEAP](#)) is a nonprofit group of police, judges, prosecutors, and other criminal justice professionals who use their expertise to advance 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 to heal police-community relations. LEAP’s nearly 200 law enforcement representatives from diverse backgrounds speak on behalf of thousands of law enforcement professionals across the U.S.