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POLICE GROUP SAYS EXECUTIVE ORDER ON POLICING “LONG OVERDUE” **Biden’s EO Shines Light on the Paradigm Shift Needed to Transform Policing**

Washington, DC — Since the murder of George Floyd two years ago yesterday, the United States has begun a long overdue reckoning on the state of policing across the country. While no singular federal action will solve the crisis we face, President Biden’s [Executive Order](#) signifies that there is appropriate action that can be taken at the federal level to meaningfully reform policing in the 17,985+ agencies in the United States at all levels—federal, state, and municipal.

“Jurisdictionally, unilateral action from the federal government can be difficult to conceptualize because there are so many different concerns which really play out at the local level—yesterday’s Executive Order by President Biden demonstrates that with careful and deliberate consideration as well as input from all stakeholders, including not only law enforcement personnel but, critically, the constituencies we serve, we have the ability to transform policing to be what it needs to be for the twenty-first century,” said [Lt. Diane Goldstein](#) (Ret.), executive director of the [Law Enforcement Action Partnership](#).

“Since the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act stalled in the Senate, LEAP has been working across the country to help states take the lead on reform. But Biden’s thoughtful approach to how to appropriately leverage action from the Executive Branch shows me that they’re having sometimes difficult, and always nuanced, conversations with all vested parties. Those conversations are vital in ensuring we get the things that we all want: safe, healthy, and engaged individuals and community investments that help us prevent crime in the first place.”

LEAP has long held that a fundamental component to improving public safety is increasing police-community trust through improved accountability, increased training and standards, and investment in our communities.

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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 public safety solutions. LEAP’s nearly 200 law enforcement representatives from diverse backgrounds speak on behalf of thousands of law enforcement professionals across the U.S.

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