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LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION PARTNERSHIP SELECTED FOR PARTICIPATION IN SAFER COMMUNITIES ACCELERATOR

LEAP's Ongoing Work Helping Cities Develop Community Responder Models Earned the Organization A Role In the Just Trust's Inaugural Accelerator Cohort

Medford, MA — The Law Enforcement Action Partnership is thrilled to announce our acceptance into the Just Trust's Safer Communities Accelerator, which is committing \$4,000,000 to organizations that are dedicated to justice reform solutions. In a <u>press release</u>, the Just Trust describes the Safer Communities Accelerator as providing funding, strategy and communications support, and cohort-based programming to advance knowledge sharing among participants. LEAP is among eight established organizations selected for participation in the initial cohort.

"From the national to the local level, people are realizing that they can have a say in what the future of policing and justice looks like. Time and again, they're choosing to follow evidence-based best practices and solutions. LEAP is honored to be recognized as being at the forefront of this movement," said Lt. Diane Goldstein (Ret.), current LEAP executive director. "The work we are doing is transformational – it has the potential to realign the way we look at crime and justice issues, shifting from 'tough on crime' to 'how do we prevent crime?"

Earlier this year, LEAP was one of the winners of MIT Solve/Stand Together's Unbundle Policing Challenge for its work on the Community Responder Model; LEAP is dedicated to continuing this work that helps communities figure out solutions that make sense and work for all community stakeholders.

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The Law Enforcement Action Partnership (<u>LEAP</u>) 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.