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Deputy Secretary Wendell M. France, Sr. (Ret.)
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Wendell France's career in law enforcement began in 1970 as an officer with the Baltimore Police Department in Maryland. He served for 27 years and retired as a Commanding Officer of the Eastern District, where his leadership resulted in an overall 42% reduction in crime. He accomplished this through the introduction of community policing programs designed to address violence and its effects on at-risk youth.

France later became a Public Safety Consultant and a Police Practices Expert, where he performed on-site management studies for the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division in their review of municipal police departments in accordance with the Crime Control Act of 1994. He provided recommendations on operational and administrative policies, most notably for use of force for police departments throughout the country.

In 1997, France began work with Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services as an Assistant Warden at the Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Center. He later served as the Commissioner of the Pretrial Detention and Services Division before he rose to the position of Deputy Secretary. He oversaw the three principle agencies in D.P.S.C.S., with a combined staff of 11,000 employees and an annual budget of \$1.2 billion.

France is currently President of France-Booker Consulting Group, L.L.C.. He holds a B.S. and a M.S. from John Hopkins University. He previously taught as an adjunct faculty member at the University of the District of Columbia and Coppin State University. He served on the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards and the Governor's Commission to Reform Maryland's Pretrial System.

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