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**Chief Brendan Cox (Ret.)**  
**Albany Police Department, New York**  
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**Board Chair**

Brendan Cox began his 23 year career in law enforcement as a patrol officer with the Albany Police Department. He rapidly advanced through the ranks and became a detective sergeant in the Children and Family Services Unit. He subsequently served as a lieutenant in Special Operations before he returned to the Children and Family Services Unit as a detective lieutenant. In 2006, he became a commander and oversaw the Detective Division. In 2008, he was promoted to Assistant Chief in Charge of Operations. A few years later, he was promoted to deputy chief and was appointed Chief of Police in 2015.

In 2016, under Chief Cox's leadership, the Department of Justice recognized the Albany Police Department as one of the top 15 police departments in the country as part of the COPS Advancing 21st Century Policing Initiative. This recognition was a direct result of the strategies that Cox oversaw the implementation of, such as a ground-breaking Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) initiative and Safeguarding Children of Arrested Parents training and protocol.

Chief Cox is the Director of Policing Strategies at the LEAD Support Bureau. He holds a BS in Criminal Justice from the University of Dayton, a MPA from Marist College, and is a graduate of the Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police.

Brendan is currently an adjunct professor with the State University of New York at Delhi. He is also an Executive Fellow with the Police Foundation, a member of the New York State Juvenile Justice Advisory Group, a member of the Global Law Enforcement and Public Health Association, and a board member for Law Enforcement Action Partnership.

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