

Law Enforcement Officials and Rutgers Experts Convene for a Three-Day Training

Marking the inaugural Global Consortium for Police Academies and Law Enforcement Training

New Brunswick, N.J. (July 14, 2021) — Police training academy leaders from throughout the United States as well as from Canada and Sweden met this week with Rutgers experts at the inaugural convening of the Global Consortium for Police Academies and Law Enforcement Training. Sponsored by the [Center on Policing](#) at Rutgers University, Rutgers' [Miller Center for Community Protection and Resilience](#), Rutgers Police, New Jersey State Police and the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, the Consortium is a new forum for police agencies to share best practices as they generate new knowledge about police training and practice in the 21st century.

“The forming of this Global Consortium comes at a critical moment in policing. Agencies across this country are struggling to identify and implement best practices and data driven approaches for police officer training. This Consortium will positively impact our communities by learning from agencies around the world,” said Marvin Haiman, Chief of Staff, Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia.

“This week’s training comes at a time where police reform is at the top of all our minds,” said John J. Farmer, Jr., director of both the Miller Center and the Eagleton Institute of Politics. “Rutgers and New Jersey have a decades-long commitment to implementing best practices in policing and to building relationships of trust between law enforcement and the communities it serves. We are honored to share what we have learned and to learn from the best practices of other jurisdictions.”

“The inaugural convening of the Global Consortium for Police Academies and Law Enforcement Training was a valuable experience for both law enforcement officials and academic experts. We hope that this week’s training brings our nation one step closer to implementing more effective evidence-based best practices into police operations”, said Linda Tartaglia, director of the Center on Policing.

Topics covered during the training include:

- Building communities of trust and community-based policing
- A snapshot of policing nationally and internationally
- How to thread the needle of culture (guardian vs. warrior) in police education
- Training law enforcement on social media, disinformation, and modern technology

“This Consortium was a phenomenal opportunity for police academy directors representing jurisdictions from all across the country and abroad to share best police practices in a variety of areas including community engagement, de-escalation, and the handling of mentally ill

persons. Relevant topics of discussion that agencies everywhere are facing on a daily basis,” said Colonel Patrick J. Callahan, Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police. “My heart is filled with a tremendous sense of pride knowing that New Jersey is the home of the inaugural Global Consortium for Police Academies and Law Enforcement Training. It is my belief that everyone in attendance benefited from the training, which will enable us all to leave our respective departments better than the way we found them.”

“The members of this Consortium are dedicated to devoting their time, energy and resources towards making a meaningful difference in the law enforcement profession. Together they will establish best practices across the country in an effort to build and foster trust, transparency, and accountability within our communities,” said Kenneth Cop, Executive Director of Public Safety and Chief of University Police at Rutgers University.

“The timing for this Consortium could not have been better planned. If we are to seriously address police reform, we need to focus on providing the highest quality training to the men and woman joining this profession,” said Paul Goldenberg, Senior Fellow at the Miller Center.

In the United States alone there are over 18,000 police agencies, the majority with their own set of policies and training, each subject to laws set by the corresponding jurisdiction. GCPALET seeks to build an international framework where agencies can share and build upon each other’s experience developing a culture of study, action, reflection and consultation among law enforcement agencies; helping each leverage best practices and contribute to a global body of knowledge.

While each nation is governed by unique laws, GCPALET also invites the participation of agencies across the globe to share their experience and to also benefit from the collective experience. Police training is vastly different across the world; however, it is clear to that our communities seek professional, dignified, competent, and equitable police services.

The Consortium has established five primary lines of action that resulted in this convening including:

- Advocacy for Police Training
- Standardized Training Practices
- Developing Evidence-based Practices
- Building Communities of Trust/Community Based Policing
- Impactful Officer Wellness Programs

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ABOUT RUTGERS—NEW BRUNSWICK

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