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Rutgers University’s Miller Center, New Jersey State Police, Washington D.C. Metropolitan Police Department, and the New York City Police Department convene North American Law Enforcement Leaders along East Coast and Interstate 95 Corridor to discuss Mutual Crime Threats, Solutions to Violence, and Improved Information Sharing

Atlantic City, N.J. (January 30, 2024) – Police leaders representing the North American east coast convened for a two-day summit to share best and promising practices to combat crime and violence that jurisdictions along the I-95 corridor share. Major city and state police agencies, along with Canadian counterparts and U.S. federal partners, discussed effective interventions to reduce crime, aid in investigations, and support appropriate information sharing among the participants. “The creation of the I-95 working group conference is indicative of the dedication to public safety and service that is represented by every participating agency. There is an immeasurable amount of experience, and we are honored to be one of the hosts,” said Colonel Patrick J. Callahan, Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police. “Law enforcement working collaboratively while sharing intelligence, best practices, and crime trends in each of their respective regions allows us to stay ahead of the curve in our constant efforts to keep our residents safe.”

The summit, co-hosted by the Rutgers University [Miller Center on Policing and Community Resilience](#), New Jersey State Police (NJSP), Washington D.C. Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), and the New York City Police Department (NYPD), and has drawn attendees from every state along the I-95 corridor. For the first time, Canadian law enforcement and federal agencies, including Toronto Police Service, Ontario Provincial Police, Via Rail Canada, and The Royal Canadian Mounted Police participated in the Summit underscoring the transnational nature of such threats. Representatives from U.S. federal agencies, including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Department of Justice COPS office, and the Bureau of Justice Assistance also participated.

The “by practitioners, for practitioners” panel discussions highlight mechanisms to prevent and solve common crime problems along the I-95 corridor and provide possible solutions for individual jurisdictions. “The Miller Center facilitates discussions about evolving threats and possible solutions to address the security challenges that many jurisdictions share,” said John J. Farmer, Jr., the Miller Center’s executive director and former Attorney General of New Jersey. “We look forward to working with the many experts who attended to share best practices and lessons learned, with the ultimate goal of creating safer communities along the I-95 corridor and beyond.”

The I-95 Summit began convening in 2004, with participants identifying topics they considered the most pressing and difficult to address. Prior topics have included illegal interstate transportation of firearms,

intelligence sharing, terrorism, law enforcement use of technology, drug trafficking, and the opioid crisis. “The challenges of modern policing require strong interagency relationships and reliable partnerships in every jurisdiction – to face, head-on, the demands of so-called traditional crime and disorder from a regional perspective, and to address the constant, evolving threat of domestic and international terrorism,” said NYPD Commissioner Edward A. Caban. “The NYPD is proud to again co-host this important gathering, and to welcome our colleagues from Canada for the first time. In best preparing for the future, we must rely on each other and never stop helping each other improve. These affiliations are vital to the safety and security of all the people we serve.”

The 2025 I-95 Summit will be hosted by the Washington DC Metropolitan Police Department and held in the nation’s capital. “Having come together to share information and best practices, and to work collaboratively with the common goal of making our communities safer, positions us to be able to enhance overall public safety and potentially disrupt crimes across the region,” said Chief Pamela A. Smith of the Washington DC Metropolitan Police Department. “The conversations we’ve had around effective strategies, new technologies and proven methods could help lead us all to better outcomes in crime prevention and community engagement.”

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ABOUT THE MILLER CENTER ON POLICING AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

[The Miller Center on Policing and Community Resilience](#) engages in education and public service focused on protecting vulnerable populations to enhance their safety and standing in society by improving their relationships with law enforcement, with other government agencies, and with other vulnerable communities. The Eagleton affiliated Center identifies and disseminates best practices, offers training workshops, consults on security and civil liberties, and undertakes research. The Center’s policing initiatives integrate research and evidence-based best practices into police operations, violence reduction, problem-solving, community policing, education, training, and the development of criminal justice policy and practice. These efforts and findings directly help public safety professionals/agencies and community organizations more effectively protect and serve their communities.

ABOUT THE EAGLETON INSTITUTE OF POLITICS

[The Eagleton Institute of Politics](#) at Rutgers University—New Brunswick explores state and national politics through research, education, and public service, linking the study of politics with its day—to—day practice. The Institute focuses attention on how the American political system works, how it changes, and how it might work better. To learn more about Eagleton programs and expertise, visit eagleton.rutgers.edu.

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ABOUT THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The [Metropolitan Police Department \(MPD\)](#) is the primary law enforcement agency for the District of Columbia and is the sixth largest local police department in the United States. The department serves an area of 68 square miles and a residential population of over 700,000. Founded in 1861, the MPD of today is on the forefront of innovation, from advances in evidence analysis to intelligence-led policing. These approaches are combined with an impactful community engagement philosophy that focuses on strengthening the partnerships between police and community.

ABOUT THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE

The New Jersey State [Division of State Police \(NJSP\)](#) was established in 1921. The Division areas of responsibilities are divided into four categories: Investigations, Operations, Administration, and Homeland Security. The Division has full police powers and is authorized to enforce any law or ordinance anywhere within the state. They are peace officers of the state and are empowered to furnish police protection, to render first aid to the injured and succor the helpless, and to exercise, in general, the same powers and authority as are conferred by law upon police officers and constables. Members of the Division of State Police provide statewide enforcement of the criminal, motor vehicle, and marine laws. They are authorized to cooperate with any state department or any state or local authority in the preservation of law and order. The Division also directs and controls the State Office of Emergency Management, and when directed by either the Governor or the Attorney General, assists local or county police authorities in response to unlawful civil disturbances as well as state of emergency declarations.

ABOUT THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

The [New York City Police Department \(NYPD\)](#) was established in 1845, and today, is the largest and one of the oldest municipal police departments in the United States, with approximately 36,000 officers and 19,000 civilian employees. The NYPD is responsible for policing an 8.5-million-person city, by performing a wide variety of public safety, law enforcement, traffic management, counterterrorism, and emergency response roles. In the past 30 years, the department has achieved spectacular declines in both violent and property crime, ensuring that New York City has the lowest overall rate of major crimes in the 25 largest cities in the country.