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## **After Tragic Week, Police and Communities Must Unite Behind Common Goals**

Ronal Serpas — chairman of Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime and Incarceration, and the former police chief in New Orleans and Nashville — has released the following statement regarding the recent shootings in Dallas, Falcon Heights, and Baton Rouge.

“The shootings this week in Dallas, Falcon Heights, and Baton Rouge are devastating. Seven families are grieving a loved one and three communities have been deeply shaken.

“Trust between law enforcement and the public is essential to keeping Americans safe. It’s a vital relationship that has been strained at various points throughout history, and this week has shown us once again the bond is broken in cities and towns across the nation. As investigations continue we’ll learn more about the deaths of Alton Sterling, Philando Castile, and five officers in Dallas. But one thing I know now is every cop wants what every American wants: a safe place to live. We are all in this together, and in the days and weeks ahead I’m hopeful that common goal will guide the work that leads us to a better place.”

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[Law Enforcement Leaders](#) unites nearly 200 current and former police chiefs, sheriffs, federal and state prosecutors, and attorneys general from all 50 states to urge for a reduction in both crime and incarceration. We believe that the country can reduce incarceration while keeping down crime, and we support changes to our criminal justice system to achieve that goal.

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