



# LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERS

To Reduce Crime & Incarceration

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## **Police Chiefs: 2016 Crime Rates Remain Near Historic Lows**

*Recent Data Shows Uptick of Murders in Some Cities but No Crime Wave*

In the wake of the [new analysis](#) on crime released today, and expected official FBI numbers next week, **Ronal Serpas, chairman of [Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime and Incarceration](#)**, issued the following statement:

“Irresponsible claims that crime is out of control are not backed up by the facts, as new data analyses show. Overall crime remains the same as it was last year, though a small number of cities have seen a rise in murder rates. Increases in such cities are troubling and must be addressed immediately.

“Police officers continue to work hard every day to keep our country safe, and sensational headlines don’t help us in that mission. False narratives on rising crime create panic and division, instead of giving police and communities an opportunity to work with each other toward an even safer place to live.”

**To schedule an interview with Serpas or learn more about Law Enforcement Leaders, please contact Fiona Druge at [Fiona.Druge@berlinrosen.com](mailto:Fiona.Druge@berlinrosen.com) or (646) 755-6126.**

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### **About Law Enforcement Leaders**

[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. See a full list of members [here](#).

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