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To Reduce Crime & Incarceration

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Top Cop: Next President Must Work to Restore Trust Between Police, Communities

Candidates Expected to Tackle Policing and Crime Again in Sunday's Debate

In advance of Sunday's town hall debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, **Ronal Serpas, chairman of [Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime and Incarceration](#)** and former police chief in New Orleans and Nashville, issued the following statement:

"Last week, the candidates had a heated conversation about crime rates in America, and how we can restore trust between communities and the police. On Sunday in St. Louis, we'll likely continue to hear about these issues.

"As law enforcement, our mission is clear: keep our communities safe. This weekend is an important opportunity to hear from both candidates on how they plan to support us in that mission. Standing together on a stage mere miles from Ferguson, Mr. Trump and Secretary Clinton must detail their specific plans to combat violent crime while bringing law enforcement and communities together. It's critical for any debate over the future of our criminal justice system to be grounded in facts. Crime remains near all-time lows. Misleading narratives don't help to advance public safety, and distract us from commonsense solutions that would help law enforcement do our job."

Earlier this year, several of the nation's most prominent police and prosecutors associations, including Law Enforcement Leaders, sent [letters to both presidential candidates](#) urging them to adopt policies that would reduce unnecessary incarceration and redirect vital law enforcement resources towards preventing violent crime.

To schedule an interview with Serpas or learn more about Law Enforcement Leaders, please contact Fiona Druge at 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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