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To Reduce Crime & Incarceration

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Law Enforcement: Crime, Murder to Decline in 2017

National violence and murder down in 2017, nearing record low

Following a [new analysis on crime](#) released today, **Ronal Serpas, co-chairman of [Law Enforcement Leaders](#)**, issued the following statement:

"In contrast to what we have been hearing from the President and Attorney General, this new data from police departments shows that all measures of crime and murder are in decline this year. It's irresponsible to incite public panic based on falsehoods, and it makes our police officers' jobs harder. In those cities that have experienced an uptick in murder rates, law enforcement must act swiftly to combat these local increases in violence. We hope the Administration will focus their aid on combatting violence in these cities."

Darrel Stephens, Executive Director of the [Major Cities Chiefs Association](#), issued the following statement:

"Our organization has its own experience collecting crime data in major cities, and this report's new data is sound. They estimate crime and murder will decrease this year, which is welcome news for law enforcement officers. We're hopeful that will remain the case when final numbers come in at the end of the year."

To schedule an interview with Serpas or Stephens 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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