

**1. What is the number one priority regarding policing that you hope to accomplish?**

I have made public safety a priority for my Administration and provided millions of dollars to law enforcement agencies to hire more police officers, curb the opioid crisis and end human trafficking. It is essential that American families are safe in their homes and in their communities. Our brave law enforcement officers put their own lives on the line each day to protect our neighborhoods, and I will always support these valiant men and women. At a time when radical politicians and anarchists call to “Defund the Police,” my message is clear: We must DEFEND the police and stand for policies that will keep our communities safe. Law enforcement should always know that I Back the Blue.

**2. The federal government is an important partner to state and local law enforcement agencies. How do you plan to continue to strengthen that partnership?**

My Administration has a track record of success with state and local governments. We revitalized Project Safe Neighborhoods where we partnered with state and local governments to develop, implement, and evaluate data-driven violence reduction strategies in communities, and improve the long-term prevention of gun violence. I plan to continue that positive work to ensure safety and prosperity in American communities.

My Administration has partnered with state and local governments to equip them with resources at a historic rate to fight the Coronavirus and ensure that public safety officers have the resources they need to safely do their jobs in the midst of an unprecedented global pandemic.

Lately, we have seen a significant uptick in crime, my Administration has partnered with states and cities to quell violence from rioters who threaten the lives and livelihoods of those in their communities. As part of Operation Legend, Attorney General Barr has directed federal agents from the FBI, U.S. Marshal Service, DEA and ATF to work alongside state and local law enforcement agencies to fight the surge of violent crime. Department of Justice assets will include over 100 FBI agents, U.S. Marshals, DEA agents, and ATF agents. While Democrats call to “Defund the Police” my Administration has provided nearly \$400 million dollars for law enforcement HIRING. My Administration requires that at least 25% of Homeland Security annual grant funding to be dedicated to state and local law enforcement departments, at a time when sever cities and counties are cutting their law enforcement budgets. Additionally, between FY 2017 and FY 2019, my Administration provided an estimated \$2.9 billion to law enforcement through the Department of Homeland Security.

My Administration supports law enforcement in many ways and we will continue to stand up for law enforcement and ensure that they have the resources they need to succeed.

**3. Following the tragic death of Mr. Floyd, there have been many calls for police reform amid unrest throughout the country. What police reform proposals do you plan to make a priority?**

On June 16, I issued an Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities that will encourage law enforcement agencies to implement best practices and protect the communities they serve. Our law enforcement officers provide critical protection to all Americans, and we need to work collectively to strengthen relationships across our country.

Under the Order, the Attorney General will allocate certain grant funding to only those law enforcement agencies that meet high standards, including around use-of-force and de-escalation, as credentialed by reputable independent bodies.

Additionally, the Order will prioritize training and other programs for police and social workers responding to incidents involving the mentally ill, addicted, and homeless.

Finally, my Administration will defend against calls to end qualified immunity and due process for law enforcement officers. Without adequate legal protection, law enforcement officers and local governments will be subjected to frivolous lawsuits that will make enforcing the law even more difficult and recruiting qualified law enforcement officers impossible.

**4. How do you plan to use your bully pulpit to continue to enhance and mend community-police relations? What measures can and should be taken?**

I fully support law enforcement and will continue to ensure they have the tools, training, and information they need to protect our communities. Every day, law enforcement officers make great sacrifices to keep our citizens safe. Last year alone, 89 law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty. In 2018, our police arrested nearly 12,000 people for murder and manslaughter, 25,000 people for rape, and nearly 1.5 million for assault.

The overwhelming majority of the law enforcement community bravely perform their duties with integrity and honor. Close ties between law enforcement and their communities are important in all communities. I have hosted law enforcement groups such as the IACP and community oriented groups to offer comments and suggestions on policing issues, and have hosted events at the White House to showcase the positive results of law enforcement in our communities. I will continue to promote policies that support the work of our brave police officers.

Additionally, I established the Presidential Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice – the first commission on law enforcement in half a century. My administration will continue to work with the IACP and other impacted stakeholders to ensure that we are improving the law enforcement profession and ensuring that all law enforcement agencies have the resources to maintain a high standard and ensure the safety and prosperity that all Americans deserve.

**5. Are you familiar with the [National Consensus Policy and Discussion Paper on Use of Force](#)? This framework was developed by the IACP in conjunction with 10 other leading police leadership and labor organizations to provide guidance to the law**

**enforcement profession on de-escalation techniques, less-lethal force, and use of force up to and including deadly force. Do you think this document can and should be used as a model for law enforcement agencies? Would you be willing to suggest this as a direction state, local, and/or federal governments should take as they discuss legislating and implementing use-of-force standards for police departments?**

I am familiar with the National Consensus Policy and Discussion Paper on Use of Force and welcome the discussion about continued improvements to police professionalism.

- 6. Cuts to state and local budgets due to COVID-19 have been dramatic and directly impact law enforcement agencies. Agencies across the country have been forced to lay off officers, halt investments in technology and equipment, cut community programs, and make cuts to training. Policing was facing a recruitment and retention crisis before COVID-19 that will likely be exacerbated by lingering economic impacts of the pandemic. As demands for police services continue to increase, these resource challenges will directly impact community safety and health. What type of additional assistance and resources do you believe the federal government should provide to ensure that state and local law enforcement is able to maintain the personnel and much-needed equipment and programing to continue to police effectively?**

My Administration has, through the Department of Justice, provided nearly \$400 million in grant funding to 596 law enforcement agencies across the nation, which allows those agencies to hire 2,732 additional full-time law enforcement professionals. I have also made hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of surplus military equipment available to local law enforcement. It is crucial that law enforcement officers have all the training and equipment they need to protect our streets and protect themselves. I will ensure that whenever possible, the federal government will support state and local law enforcement and my Administration will always work with congress and the impacted stakeholders to ensure that law enforcement has the resources it needs to ensure safety and prosperity for all Americans.

Additionally, I recently signed the Safeguarding America's First Responders Act of 2020 establishing a presumptive benefit under the Public Safety Officer Benefit (PSOB) program for public safety officers who contract COVID-19. I recognize the inherent danger that law enforcement officers face on the front lines of the Coronavirus and my Administration worked closely with congress to ensure that the families of fallen public safety officers receive the benefits they deserve.

- 7. What legislative proposals related to policing do you plan to make a priority? How would you encourage Congress to move that legislation forward?**

In addition to my Executive Order on Safe Policing for a Safe America, I endorsed Sen. Tim Scott's (R-SC) policing bill, the JUSTICE Act, which would build upon the reforms I ordered, while protecting the due process rights of law enforcement officers. If Congress were to pass this bill, as I have urged them to do, I would sign it.

- 8. The President's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice, a priority of the IACP for over 30 years, is in the process of concluding its work. How will**

**your administration ensure the funding for and implementation of the Commission's recommendations?**

In 2019, I signed an Executive Order establishing the Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice. Among other issues, the Commission is tasked with studying how to increase respect for law enforcement, how to improve community relations, and how a lack of respect for law enforcement impacts public safety and the rule of law. This Commission is a crucial element to ensure police operate at the highest levels of professionalism, and I fully support the efforts of the Attorney General Bill Bar to implement the recommendations it provides.

**9. What are your views on the following issues confronting policing and what solutions do you plan to provide? Please provide a response for each issue listed.**

**a. Barriers to law enforcement investigations, such as encryption**

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**b. Violent crime**

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**c. Opioid and heroin abuse**

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**d. Use of technology (facial recognition, license plate readers, drones, etc.)**

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**e. Homegrown violent extremism**

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**f. Recruitment and retention of law enforcement personnel**

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**g. Violence against women**

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**h. Hate crimes**

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**i. Traffic safety**

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**10. Lack of adequate mental health services have resulted in a large portion of law enforcement's calls for service involving individuals with mental illness. What steps will you take to alleviate law enforcement's role in mental health intervention?**

Following a few substantive conversations with Chief Casstevens and the talented team at the IACP, I directed the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Justice to identify and develop co-responder programs so that police officers can recruit, when needed, the assistance of social workers and mental health professionals to address situations involving persons with mental illness as part of my Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities.

Additionally, I have tasked the Law Enforcement Commission with providing concrete recommendations to address some of the systemic challenges that burden law enforcement, including mental illness. Following that report, my administration will identify and implement policies recommended by the commission to alleviate law enforcement's role in mental health intervention.

**11. What federal grant programs to law enforcement are a priority to you? Are there programs you would expand or reduce?**

The Department of Justice has many programs to assist law enforcement officers and the communities they serve, and I will continually evaluate which programs promote public safety, as well as consider new programs to increase safety and community trust.

**12. What are your foreign policy priorities as they relate to criminal justice or transnational organized crime issues?**

I have directed federal law enforcement to dismantle international gangs like MS-13 which have committed crime and terror in the United States. Under Task Force Vulcan, my Administration has increased coordination and collaboration with foreign law enforcement partners, including El Salvador, Mexico, Honduras, and Guatemala and coordinated significant MS-13 indictments in U.S. Attorney's Offices across the country.

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