



# THE NATIONAL CONSORTIUM ON PREVENTING LAW ENFORCEMENT SUICIDE

## DID YOU KNOW:

- Law Enforcement Officers are more likely to die by suicide than in the line of duty.<sup>1</sup>
- Officer suicides often go misreported or unreported.<sup>2</sup>
- Shame and stigma often prevent law enforcement officers from accessing mental health services.<sup>3</sup>

**One officer suicide is one too many.** Through the newly-created National Consortium on Preventing Law Enforcement Suicide, a program of the Bureau of Justice Assistance’s National Officer Safety Initiatives, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, in partnership with the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention, will lead a national conversation around the issues of officer mental health and suicide.

**The silence cannot continue.** The Consortium will provide a national voice to the mental health needs of law enforcement, bringing together experts from law enforcement agencies and families, mental health and suicide prevention services, and academia to raise awareness of and prevent law enforcement suicide.

## MOVING DISCUSSION INTO ACTION:

### What can you expect?

Suicide awareness and prevention tools and resources for law enforcement officers, agencies, and family members.

An anonymous online platform for law enforcement to report officer suicides to help identify trends and work towards solutions.

A comprehensive report on Consortium findings identifying recommendations, policy updates, messaging strategies, and more.

### Why it Matters

Community members call on officers when they need help; officers also need protection. The Consortium will break the silence and start the conversation on how to address and prevent law enforcement suicide. For more information, please visit <https://www.bja.gov/national-officer-safety-initiatives/index.html> and <https://www.theiacp.org/resources/document/law-enforcement-suicide-prevention-and-awareness>.



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