



## **NATION'S LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATIONS ISSUES STATEMENT AHEAD OF 2024 ELECTION**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – (October 30, 2024)** The Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA), the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), and the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) stand ready and united to ensure that Election Day 2024 is secure, safe, and fair. The associations have been in preparation for this year's election for over a year and a half. Our members have participated in tabletop exercises, received briefings from federal, state, and local partners, shared intelligence and threat information, held conversations with election officials, elected officials, and election volunteers, and coordinated with advocacy groups working to secure the election process such as the Committee of Safe and Secure Elections and the Center for Internet Security.

The MCSA and MCCA's Intelligence Commanders groups continue to share real-time information with each other regarding any tactics or issues of notes throughout their communities to better prepare one another to know what to look for throughout this election cycle. It is critical to share information and intelligence related to the safety of polling places, ballot box collection points, the transportation of ballots for counting and certification, as well as any post-election activities.

Irrespective of the outcome of any of the offices up for election this year, law enforcement will work through any issue related to pre-election, Election Day, and post-election day activities to ensure public safety is paramount. One resource developed and distributed to the respective association members were tailored pocket guide resources, courtesy of the Committee for Safe and Secure Elections, for their patrol personnel to be prepared and understand the complex election laws in each individual state.

It is understood law enforcement must be deliberate and vigilant with the posture taken on Election Day. While there is an obligation to ensure public safety and election integrity, this must be balanced with the notion that it cannot be perceived law enforcement presence be equated with election interference.

Across the country, law enforcement, municipal partners, election officials, and election volunteers have come together to have early conversations about Election Day expectations and what to anticipate from law enforcement response as well as what resources are available to them. As always, the associations encourage the public to speak up if they witness anything suspicious or unusual with election activities. If you "See Something, Say Something", and let law enforcement investigate and determine the outcome of any suspicious circumstances or incidents.

Lastly, all citizens are encouraged to participate in this election and exercise their rights to vote – whether in-person or by mail-in ballot. Participation in the election process is a fundamental tenant of democracy and law enforcement will utilize every resource to ensure for a safe election process for all voters.

MCSA, NSA, and MCCA stand united and will continue to prepare its memberships leading up to Election Day and will stay engaged to foster cooperation and intelligence sharing throughout all post-Election Day activities and events.

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