



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

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National Sheriffs' Association Launches International Policing Initiative to Strengthen Global Security Partnerships

ALEXANDRIA, VA — The National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) today announced the launch of its new Global Policing & Security Initiative, a strategic effort to strengthen homeland security through partnerships with trusted democratic policing organizations around the world. The initiative will help America's sheriffs identify emerging threats earlier, share operational best practices, and enhance preparedness against transnational criminal activity impacting local communities.

The initiative will be led by NSA First Vice President Sheriff Jim Skinner of Collin County, Texas, and will operate as a subcommittee under the Association's Homeland Security Committee, chaired by Sheriff Paul Fitzgerald of Story County, Iowa.

The NSA also announced the appointment of Paul Goldenberg as Executive Advisor to the NSA President for Homeland Security & Global Partnerships. An internationally recognized leader in homeland security, counterterrorism, and transnational policing, Goldenberg has spent decades advancing cooperation among law enforcement agencies, governments, and democratic institutions worldwide.

The initiative will complement, not duplicate, existing partnerships among federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, and international public safety agencies.

Strengthening Global Partnerships to Protect Local Communities

Sheriffs nationwide face threats that originate far beyond their jurisdictions, including transnational criminal organizations, human trafficking networks, cyber-enabled crime, malicious uses of artificial intelligence, and the growing misuse of unmanned aerial systems. Through non-political, mission-focused partnerships with democratic policing organizations worldwide, NSA's initiative will enhance intelligence sharing, executive collaboration, and operational readiness.

Key Components of the Initiative

- Global Policing Partnership Program to formalize relationships with allied democratic police agencies
- Executive Leadership Exchange enabling reciprocal delegations between U.S. sheriffs and international policing executives
- Global Security Working Groups focused on border security, cybercrime, artificial intelligence, human trafficking, and countering transnational organized crime
- Executive Education Series including leadership forums, webinars, regional seminars, and international study visits

- NSA Global Policing & Security Summit, a new annual convening of sheriffs, international police leaders, federal partners, academia, and industry

Statements from NSA Leadership

Sheriff Troy Wellman, NSA President:

“Global cooperation is now essential to local public safety. This initiative ensures America’s sheriffs have the partnerships and intelligence needed to confront emerging threats.”

Sheriff Paul Fitzgerald, Chair, NSA Homeland Security Committee:

“The Global Policing & Security Initiative will build trusted partnerships with democratic policing organizations worldwide, ensuring America’s sheriffs have access to the intelligence, executive collaboration, and global situational awareness required to confront modern threats.”

Sheriff Jim Skinner, NSA First Vice President & Initiative Lead:

“The threats affecting our communities no longer stop at national borders. By building trusted partnerships with democratic policing leaders around the world, we can identify emerging risks sooner, strengthen homeland security, and better protect the people we serve.”

Paul Goldenberg, Executive Advisor to the NSA President for Homeland Security & Global Partnerships:

“International cooperation must deliver results at home. Whether confronting transnational criminal networks, hostile actors, or emerging technologies, America’s sheriffs need trusted partners who can help them see what is coming and prepare for it. This initiative will transform trusted global partnerships into actionable intelligence, operational readiness, and safer communities across America.”

About the National Sheriffs’ Association

The National Sheriffs’ Association is one of the largest associations of law enforcement professionals in the U.S., representing more than 3,000 elected Sheriffs across the nation. NSA is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising the level of professionalism among sheriffs, their deputies, and others in law enforcement, public safety, and criminal justice. Throughout its eighty-five-year history, NSA has also served as an information resource for all law enforcement, as well as state governments and the federal government.

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