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Sheriff Eli Rivera and SRLEEA Call for National Law Enforcement Dialogue, Express Strong Support for IACP Recommendations

The Small, Rural, and Tribal Law Enforcement Executives Association (SRLEEA) today issued an independent statement through Sheriff Eli Rivera, voicing strong support for the recommendations recently advanced by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and calling for a coordinated national discussion on public safety.

Sheriff Rivera, emphasized that law enforcement agencies serving small, rural, and tribal communities face unique and often overlooked challenges, including limited resources, expansive geographic responsibilities, and increasing demands on personnel. He underscored the importance of ensuring these agencies have a seat at the table in any national conversation regarding public safety policy and practice.

“SRLEEA strongly supports the IACP’s call for the White House to convene federal, state, and local law enforcement leadership to address the serious public safety challenges facing our nation,” said Sheriff Rivera. “A meaningful and inclusive dialogue is essential if we are to strengthen public trust, uphold constitutional policing, and support the men and women who serve on the front lines every day, particularly in small, rural, and tribal communities.”

Sheriff Rivera noted that collaborative engagement across all levels of government is critical to developing balanced and practical solutions that reflect the realities faced by agencies of every size. He added that SRLEEA is committed to constructive participation in any effort that promotes professionalism, transparency, and community safety.

“Public safety is not a partisan issue, and it is not one size fits all,” Rivera said. “By bringing together leaders from across the law enforcement spectrum, we can identify shared challenges, learn from one another, and move forward in a way that benefits both our communities and those sworn to protect them.”

SRLEEA represents executives from small, rural, and tribal law enforcement agencies across the United States and advocates for policies, training, and resources that recognize the critical role these agencies play in safeguarding communities nationwide.

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