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The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) is the world's oldest and largest professional association for police leaders. With over 30,000 members in more than 150 countries, the IACP is a recognized global leader in law enforcement. Since 1893, the IACP has been the most highly recognized voice of law enforcement management, advancing the qualities of integrity, leadership, and professionalism in policing worldwide.

The IACP's commitment to shaping the future of the police profession is well established. It accomplishes this through timely research, programming, and by providing unparalleled training opportunities for law enforcement professionals. The IACP is dedicated to advancing the law enforcement profession through advocacy, outreach, education and programs through which it prepares current and emerging police leaders – and the agencies and communities that they serve – to succeed in addressing the most pressing issues, threats, and challenges of the day.

Police agencies around the world share common concerns such as building community trust, dealing with the mentally ill, preventing terrorism, and use of technology to assist in prevention and resolution of crime. One of the most effective means of addressing these concerns is provided through organizations that provide professional peer-to-peer executive law enforcement exchanges with police agencies globally. The IACP recognizes and supports such organizations and programs.

For decades, many of our members have participated in these valuable exchanges to ensure that law enforcement leaders are prepared to address current and emerging issues facing law enforcement and enable them to provide the best police services available to the community they serve. The overwhelming feedback we receive on the content and value of these programs is highly positive and indicates that they are very beneficial. However, we realize that on occasion an agency's participation in these programs can raise questions with community members or elected officials. If your agency is participating, or considering participating, in an international exchange program and you would like a letter of support from the IACP, please contact us at exchange@theiacp.org.



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