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About Faith & Blue

In its third year, the mission of National Faith & Blue Weekend (Faith & Blue) remains simple and essential: *Deepening engagement between law enforcement officers and residents to transform communities.*

Faith & Blue was inaugurated in 2020 by MovementForward, Inc., partnering with the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) at the U.S. Department of Justice and every major national law enforcement association. The underlying concept was a powerful one – the ties that bind officers and residents must be reinforced if we are to build neighborhoods where everyone feels safe and included. Faith-based organizations are key to building these bonds because they are not only the largest community resource in the nation, with 65 million participants in weekly events, but because they are as diverse as our nation. Moreover, they speak to Americans' shared conviction that we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers.

In the third year of Faith & Blue, the initiative grew 300% from its first year to encompass 3,000 engagements across all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The type of engagements themselves are manifold: Some were peace and unity marches, others dialogues with youth, many were community service projects, and there were hundreds of meet-and-greets, along with almost every other way to create meaningful connections between law enforcement and residents.

This impact report provides an overview of Faith & Blue, from beautiful photographs to words of welcome to key statistics. Please enjoy this inspiring story of what happens when residents and law enforcement unite, and we hope you will join the movement to build bridges to safer and stronger communities.



“Faith & Blue seeks to bring law enforcement agencies and faith-based organizations together to unify and more effectively safeguard our communities across the country. It is an initiative that is based on a core principle that our safety and security are best achieved when we work in partnership with one another.”

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
United States Department of Homeland Security



Words of Welcome

A Message from Our Chairman & CEO

Dear Friends,

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.” In remembering these words of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I recognize that his wisdom has been a core principle of my work. In spite of challenges that divide communities, I am guided by the conviction that there is more that unites than divides us. However, action is key to mobilizing for a better future.

In the midst of challenge and controversy, National Faith & Blue Weekend was birthed to facilitate that action. The narrative on policing had become inflamed in the wake of George Floyd’s death. Rather than turning to despair, there was a groundswell of energy to facilitate community-police engagement, and 1,000 powerful activities were held across the country in 2020, the inaugural year for Faith & Blue.

In 2022, Faith & Blue reached new heights with 3,000 engagements. After personally visiting multiple cities over the four-day weekend, I concluded Faith & Blue in Boston. The Boston Police Department hosted a marquee event with faith-based organizations of every kind. Cardinal Sean Patrick O’Malley, the Boston mayor, the police commissioner, the district attorney, and many other community, faith-based, and government leaders were in attendance. Together we watched a group of elementary school students take the stage and recite a prayer they wrote about Faith & Blue. As they prayed, hundreds of community members and law enforcement professionals and leaders from all walks of life stood together. It brought tears to my eyes. Just two and a half years ago Faith & Blue was a vision. Now it is a movement.

No words would suffice in expressing the gratitude we have for our corporate partners, FirstNet®, Built with AT&T and the Motorola Solutions Foundation. I thank them for believing in the spirit of this work and underwriting Faith & Blue for the third year in a row. I also want to thank our media partners, TBN and iHeartMedia, for their significant role in sharing the mission of Faith & Blue far and wide.

I am humbled and honored to work alongside you in building safer and stronger communities. Returning to Dr. King, may we build a world where “unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality.”

In Solidarity,

Reverend Markel Hutchins
*National Lead Organizer, National Faith & Blue Weekend
Chairman & CEO, MovementForward, Inc.*

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“There is not a single problem we cannot solve if we have the courage to sit together, reason together, and converse together. The answers lie in the hearts and minds of every resident, in every local community, and every law enforcement officer in this country.”



Messages from Our Sponsors

Dear Community Leaders,

FirstNet®, Built with AT&T is proud to continue our support of the public safety community through our sponsorship of this year's National Faith & Blue Weekend.

First responders are at the forefront of our communities and the collaboration supported by Faith & Blue helps foster these relationships. By opening the door to better conversations between law enforcement and the citizens they are sworn to protect, Faith & Blue helps deepen the mutual understanding between the two groups.

As the only nationwide, high-speed broadband communications platform dedicated to and purpose-built for America's first responders, FirstNet shares a mission with Faith & Blue to improve public safety's ability to communicate and help create safer communities. After three years as an event sponsor, we are encouraged by seeing important and productive discussions take place about sensitive issues and we are inspired by the activities that took place in different communities throughout the country. We have seen respectful conversations on difficult topics like gun violence and crime reduction between officers and their residents and have watched as biases fell and bonds were created.

We are proud to be a part of this powerful weekend. When the community comes together, it shows that it is possible to connect with one another on a personal level, despite potential differences, to create change. We want to thank the houses of worship and community organizations in every state across the country that are building the bonds of fellowship and the law enforcement professionals who protect our communities. We deeply appreciate the sacrifices you make every day to keep us safe.

We look forward to seeing these conversations continue and bringing our communities closer together.

In Gratitude,

Jim Bugel
President, FirstNet®, Built with AT&T
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Dear Friends,

Three years ago, the Motorola Solutions Foundation was honored to be an inaugural corporate sponsor for National Faith & Blue Weekend (Faith & Blue). As a sponsor of Faith & Blue for all three years, we have been inspired to participate in this moment to facilitate important dialogue and meaningful connections between law enforcement and residents in thousands of communities across the United States.

At Motorola Solutions, our work makes a difference in the critical moments that shape lives, businesses, and the world — but our contributions don't end there. The Motorola Solutions Foundation is one of the many ways in which our company lives out its purpose of helping people be their best in the moments that matter. Acting as the charitable and philanthropic arm of the company, the Foundation partners with organizations like MovementForward to support efforts that create safer cities and equitable, thriving communities.

It was inspiring to witness the 3,000 events that happened this year, including the 71 engagements that happened throughout the Chicago area, our hometown (28 more than last year!). These events included meet-and-greets, community dialogue on topics around policing, social gatherings, and community service projects.

We truly believe the future of law enforcement is bright with a focus on community and police engagement that is changing hearts and minds, and co-producing public safety. Law enforcement cannot do it alone; every organization and every individual has a shared responsibility to create a safe and equitable neighborhood.

Our Foundation believes deeply in the vision of Faith & Blue — creating a safer, more equitable world for all. We are so grateful to the participating community organizations, faith leaders, and law enforcement professionals who made the 2022 Faith & Blue so successful. With more than 150,000 people participating this year, they are moving mountains.

Know that these efforts are making a significant difference, and we take great pride in playing a small role. We look forward to working by your side in this work in the days, months, and years ahead.

Regards,

Cynthia Yazdi

Senior Vice President

Chief of Staff, Global Communications & Education, Motorola Solutions

Board Member, Motorola Solutions Foundation



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Faith & Blue Partners

National Faith & Blue Weekend is built on collaboration. The next three pages list the national, state, and media partners who make Faith & Blue a success, and the 89 law enforcement organizations listed here are co-producers in Faith & Blue. Each of these organizations promotes Faith & Blue to their constituencies, helps plan the overall initiative, organizes training, offers feedback, and so much more.

National Law Enforcement Partners



State Law Enforcement Partners

Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police

Alaska Association Chiefs of Police

Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police

California Police Chiefs' Association

California State Sheriffs' Association

Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police

County Sheriffs of Colorado

Connecticut Police Chiefs Association

Delaware Police Chiefs' Council

Florida Police Chiefs' Association

Florida Sheriffs' Association

Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police

Georgia Sheriffs' Association

Idaho Chiefs of Police Association

Idaho Sheriffs' Association

Illinois Association Chiefs of Police

Illinois Sheriffs' Association

Indiana Sheriffs' Association

Kansas Sheriffs' Association

Kansas Association Chiefs of Police

Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police

Maine Chiefs of Police Association

Maine Sheriffs' Association

Massachusetts Major City Chiefs of Police Association

Maryland Chiefs of Police Association

Maryland Sheriffs' Association

Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association

Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police

Michigan Sheriffs' Association

Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association

Minnesota Sheriffs' Association

Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police

Missouri Police Chiefs' Association

Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police

New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police

New Mexico Sheriffs' Association

New York State Sheriffs' Association

Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association

North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police

Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police

Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police

Oregon Association Chiefs of Police

Oregon State Sheriffs' Association

Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association

Pennsylvania Sheriffs' Association

Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association

Texas Police Chiefs' Association

Sheriffs' Association of Texas

South Carolina Police Chiefs Association

South Carolina Sheriffs' Association

South Dakota Sheriffs' Association

Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police

Utah Chiefs of Police Association

Utah Sheriffs' Association

Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police

Vermont Sheriffs' Association

Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police

Virginia Sheriffs' Association

Washington State Chiefs' and Sheriffs' Association

Western States Sheriffs' Association

West Virginia Sheriffs' Association

Badger State Sheriffs' Association

Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association

Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police



Media Partners

National Faith & Blue Weekend operates on three levels. On the most grassroots level, it involves individual residents and officers meeting over meals, discussions, service projects, and more, to get to know each other as neighbors. On the second level, it involves local agencies and state and national organizations working to support the planning of these engagements. And on a third level, it involves communicating to the public a different narrative — one of hope, inclusion, and safety. The two media partners of Faith & Blue, TBN and iHeart Media, enabled Faith & Blue to reach the broader public with specials, interviews, advertisements, and ongoing coverage.



Working Alongside Our Partners



During the planning of the first Faith & Blue, it became clear that Georgia had identified a formula for success. The state chiefs' and sheriffs' associations worked closely on planning, actively reaching out to their local member law enforcement agencies throughout the state, and offering them information on Faith & Blue. As a result, Georgia had the most engagements and became the basis for what is called "The Georgia Model." In this model, state associations organize training sessions with local agencies on Faith & Blue and promote it throughout the year. In 2022, 64 of these state trainings were conducted, and are a key to Faith & Blue's growth to 3,000 engagements and reaching millions of Americans.

"Our agency has participated since the inception of Faith & Blue and it's continued to grow in our county. It is a tremendous opportunity to connect with the community in ways that we may not normally be able to."

Sheriff David M. Groves
Cherokee County Sheriff's Office
President, Kansas Sheriffs' Association

Webinar Participants

Alaska Association of Chiefs of Police

Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police

Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police

California Police Chiefs Association

Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police

County Sheriffs of Colorado

Connecticut Police Chiefs' Association

Delaware Police Chiefs' Council

Florida Police Chiefs Association

Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police

Georgia Sheriffs' Association

International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators

Idaho Chiefs of Police Association

Idaho Sheriffs' Association

Indiana Sheriffs' Association

Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police

Kansas Sheriffs' Association

Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police

Maine Sheriffs' Association

Maryland Chiefs of Police Association

Maryland Sheriffs' Association

Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police

Michigan Sheriffs' Association

Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association

Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police

Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association

New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police

New Mexico Municipal League (Police Chiefs)

New York Association of Chiefs of Police

New York Sheriffs' Association

North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police
Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police

Oregon State Sheriffs' Association

Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association

Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association

Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police

Tennessee Sheriffs' Association

Texas Police Chiefs' Association

Utah Association of Chiefs of Police

Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police

Virginia Sheriffs' Association

Washington State Chiefs' and Sheriffs' Association

Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association

Badger State Sheriffs' Association

Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police

Faith & Blue Photo Contest



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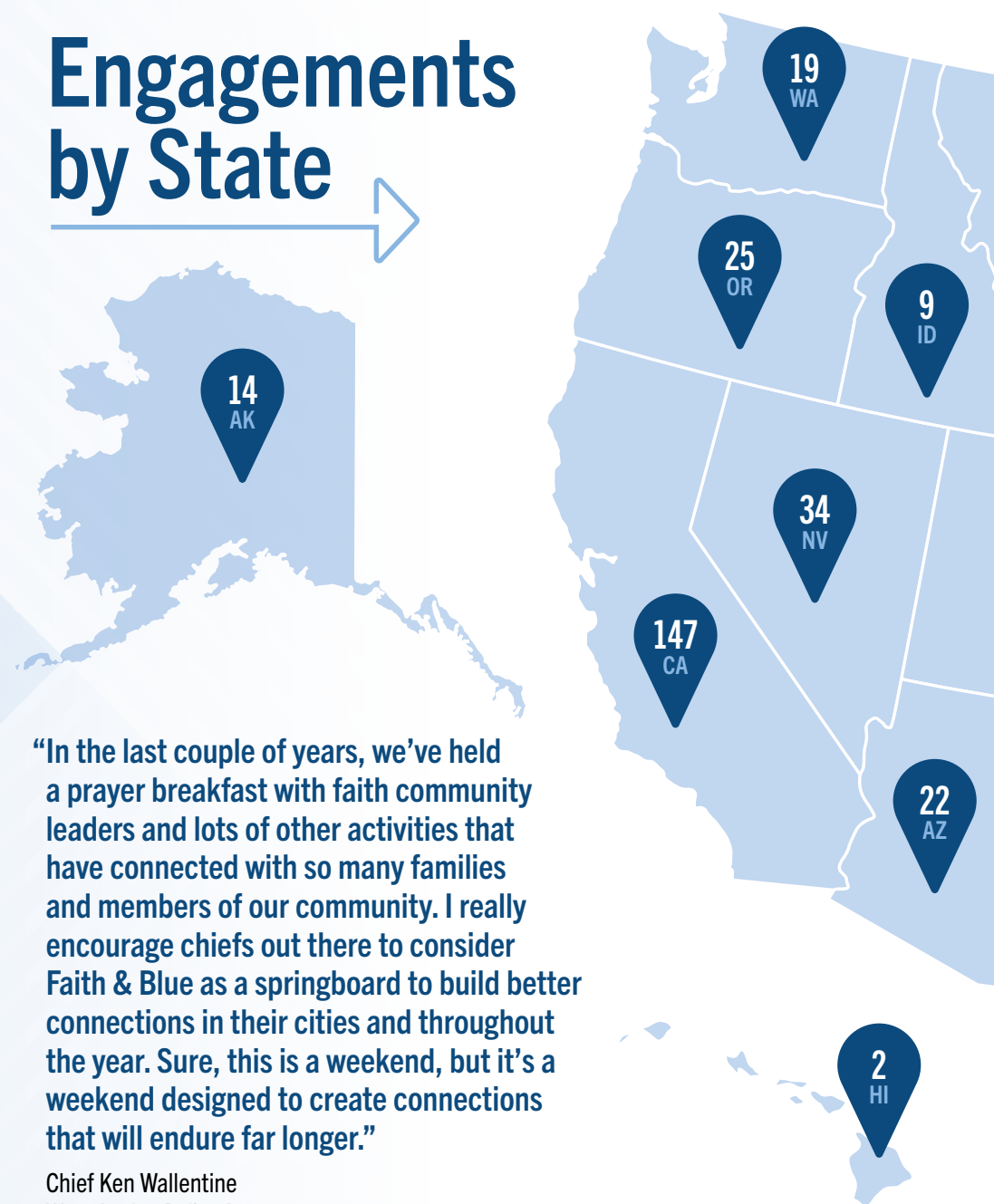
More than 5,000 photos were shared across multiple channels, including Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and website uploads. Every photo was invaluable in painting a picture of the mission of Faith & Blue. Contest winners were selected that exemplified creativity, spirit, and connection. Congratulations to the winners, and thank you to everyone who participated!

Winners

- [A] Belmont Police Department (Belmont, North Carolina)
- [B] Los Angeles Police Department and Church of Scientology (Los Angeles, California)
- [C] DeKalb County School Department of Public Safety (Stone Mountain, Georgia)
- [D] Baltimore County Police Department (Towson, Maryland)
- [E] Brownstown Township Police Department (Brownstown, Michigan)

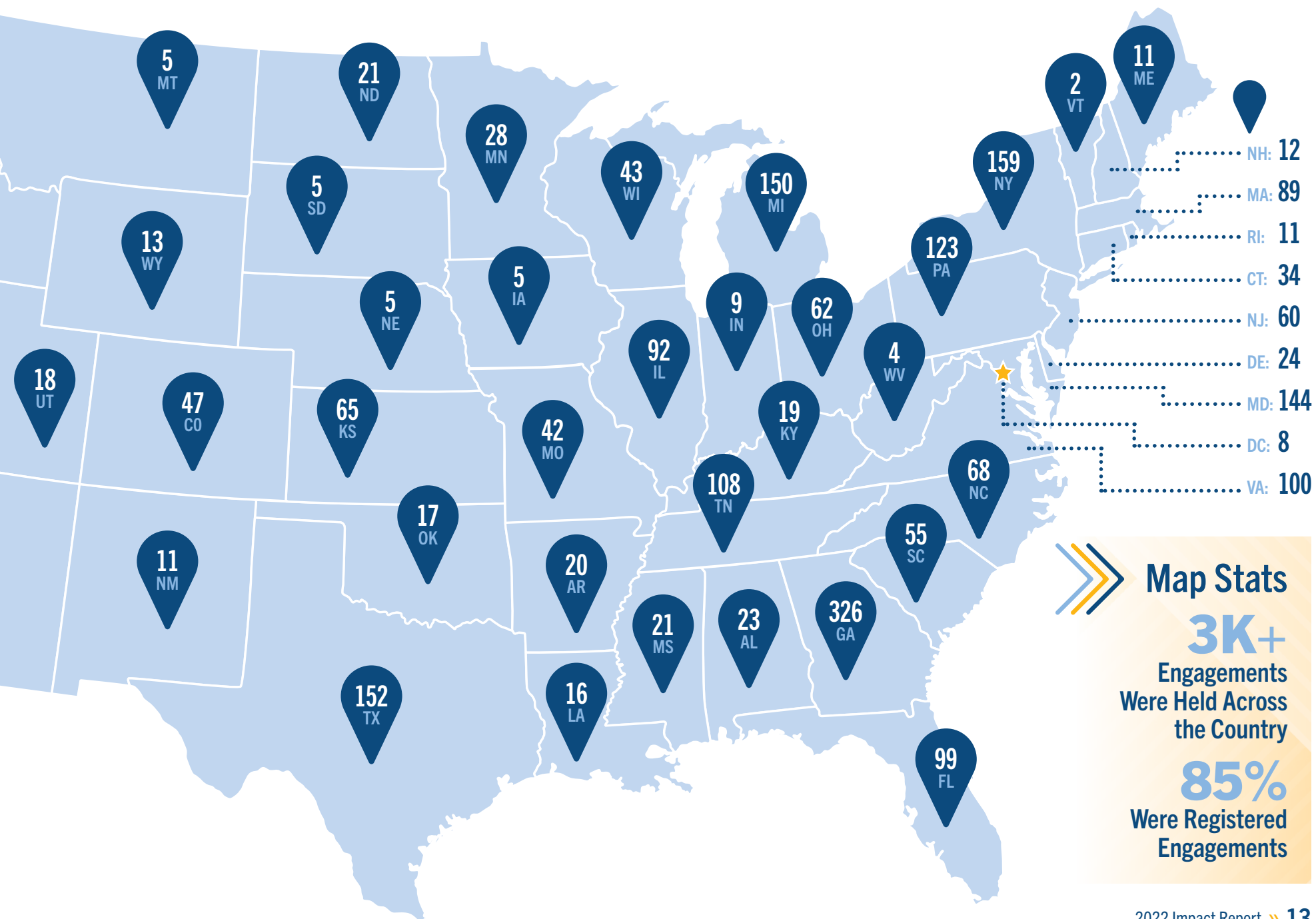


Engagements by State



“In the last couple of years, we’ve held a prayer breakfast with faith community leaders and lots of other activities that have connected with so many families and members of our community. I really encourage chiefs out there to consider Faith & Blue as a springboard to build better connections in their cities and throughout the year. Sure, this is a weekend, but it’s a weekend designed to create connections that will endure far longer.”

Chief Ken Wallentine
West Jordan Police Department
President, Utah Chiefs of Police Association





Around the Nation

One of the many ways Faith & Blue is special is that it does not take place in just one type of community, region, demographic, or topography. It is everywhere. Faith & Blue spans thousands of miles, from the westmost point of the nation (a sunrise “Hike for Humanity” in Unalaska, Alaska) to the eastmost (a “Cram the Cruiser” food drive in Houlton, Maine). Faith & Blue events are in communities with fewer than 200 residents and in those with more than 8,000,000. It is in suburbs, rural communities, and the most dense cities. Engagements occurred in red America, blue America, and everywhere in between. The pages that follow present a window into the tapestry that is Faith & Blue.





EAST

Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont



781 Engagements

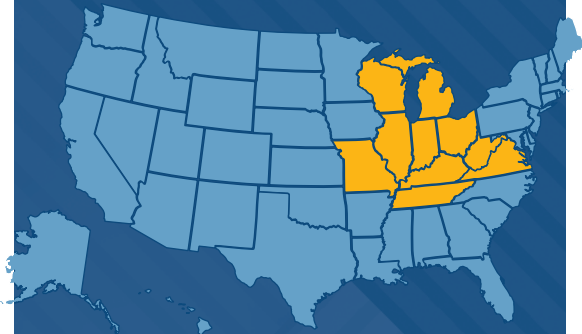
"This is a great opportunity ... to see the humans behind the badge today. It's an opportunity to allow them to control the narrative, to let us know how they want to be seen and to also say, 'We need some help in these areas.'"

Commissioner Danielle Outlaw
Philadelphia Police Department
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



MIDWEST

Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan,
Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia,
West Virginia, and Wisconsin



417 Engagements

“We don’t want to rely just on the press and social media but to have a good discussion of our core values. The relationship between the police department and the community is at the core of what we do. A police department is only as successful as the community allows.”

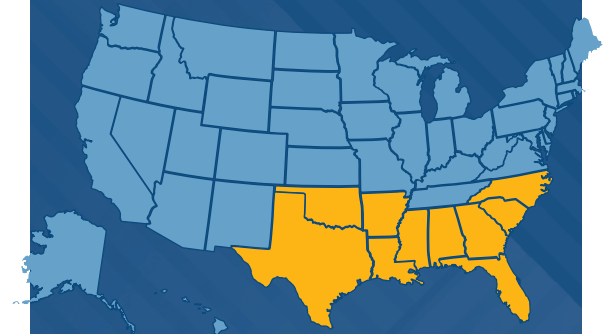
Sergeant Chris Rabbitt
Battle Creek Police Department
Battle Creek, Michigan





SOUTH

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Texas



905 Engagements

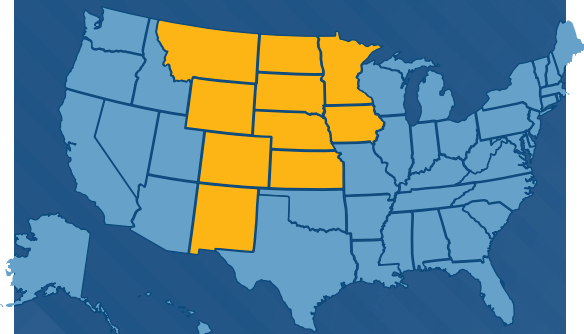
“This is something that I look forward to every year. I enjoy working closely with the public and people who do anything and everything they can to make this type of event special. It’s just a good thing.”

Sergeant Shawn Tapley
Baldwin County Sheriff’s Office
Milledgeville, Georgia



PLAINS AND MOUNTAINS

Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming



223 Engagements

“With events like this that help build relationships, the hopes are the younger officers may get to mentor those same students in about 16 years when they choose a career in law enforcement.”

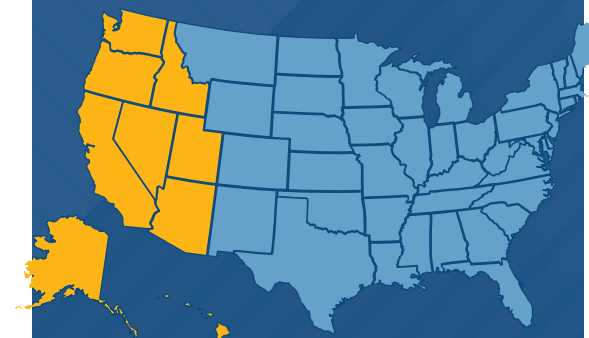
Chief Loren Sharp
Fort Morgan Police Department
Fort Morgan, Colorado





WEST

Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington



272 Engagements

"This is a way for our community to say, we see you. Not only do we see you, but we support you. And for those that are of the faith community, an opportunity to prepare is the protection over our law enforcement, both physically, mentally, and spiritually."

Christa Trinchera, Executive Director
Chaplains of Idaho

By the Numbers



Making It Happen

Thank you to everyone who contributed time to make Faith & Blue 2022 a huge success!

HOURS ACCRUED IN THE PLANNING OF FAITH & BLUE

- Outreach: **2,982**
- Project Management: **702**
- Media: **261**
- Social Media: **252**
- Travel Hours: **240**



INVESTMENT

- 9,380**
Mailers
- 130K**
Emails Sent
- 640**
Individual Coaching Sessions
- 46**
Association Trainings
- 13,456**
Phone Calls
- 109,669**
Website Visitors



Media Coverage

TOTAL NEWS REACH: **240,598,325**



Read more at faithandblue.org/media-news.

Engagement Metrics

National Faith & Blue Weekend works is hyper-local. Engagements are designed and organized based on the needs and perceptions of local agencies and partners. The creativity unleashed is one of the most special elements of this initiative.



Total Host Communities:
1,033+



Distinctive Engagements

Among the 100 different engagement types, Faith & Blue included:

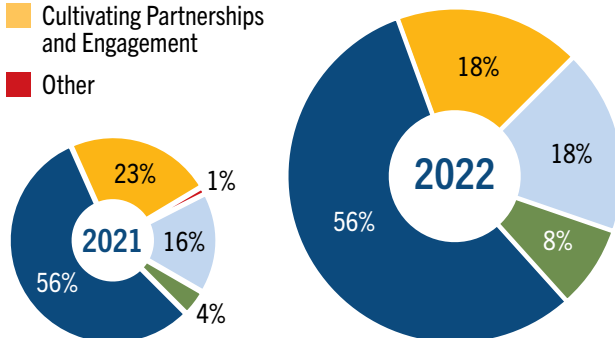
- An inspirational service and releasing of balloons
- Building beds for local children and delivering them
- Community messages to law enforcement
- Peace, justice, and unity marches
- Story hours with children
- 5K races
- Bike rodeos

And so, so much more!



Engagements by Type

- Fostering Dialogue and Understanding
- Promoting Peace and Safety through Arts and Culture
- Creating Connections
- Cultivating Partnerships and Engagement
- Other



Social Media Buzz



To see more, search for #faithandblue2022, #faithandblueweekend, and #faithandblue on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok.



Partner Metrics

24

National Law Enforcement Partners

65

State Law Enforcement Associations

65%

Engagements with Small Agencies





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TOP 5s of the 2022 FAITH & BLUE WEEKEND

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AGENCIES WITH THE MOST ENGAGEMENTS

- 1 New York Police Department: **115**
- 2 Arlington Police Department (TX): **94**
- 3 Chicago Police Department: **62**
- 4 Baltimore County Police Department: **57**
- 5 Memphis Police Department: **47**

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STATES WITH THE MOST ENGAGEMENTS

- 1 Georgia: **326**
- 2 New York: **159**
- 3 Texas: **152**
- 4 Michigan: **150**
- 5 California: **147**

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STATES WITH THE BEST GROWTH

- 1 Delaware: **200%**
- 2 Alaska: **140%**
- 3 Connecticut: **136%**
- 3 Nevada: **136%**
- 5 Virginia: **133%**

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SMALLEST COMMUNITIES

- 1 Lowrys, South Carolina: **183**
- 2 Richburg, South Carolina: **278**
- 3 Eskridge, Kansas: **413**
- 4 Crawfordville, Georgia: **481**
- 5 Sudlersville, Maryland: **514**

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MOST POPULAR ENGAGEMENTS

- 1 Meet-and-Greet: **411**
- 2 Inspirational Gathering: **324**
- 3 Community Dialogue/Crucial Conversation: **291**
- 4 Community Gathering over Food: **276**
- 5 Community Service Project: **222**

Participant Feedback

(out of 5 stars from 500+ surveys)

For the second year, Faith & Blue surveyed hundreds of participants in the engagements, both officers and residents. And for the second year, ratings were very high. There was minor movement, with higher ratings for officers and residents in believing that participating made them safer, which was an area for growth last year.

OFFICERS

MOST EFFECTIVE: Feel More Positive to the Community

★★★★☆ 4.47

SECOND-MOST EFFECTIVE: Collaborate with the Community on Crime Solving

★★★★☆ 4.38

AREA FOR GROWTH: Makes Me Feel Safer

★★★★☆ 3.89

RESIDENTS

MOST EFFECTIVE: Better Understand the Perspective of Officers

★★★★☆ 4.67

SECOND-MOST EFFECTIVE: Feel More Positive to the Community

★★★★☆ 4.64

AREA FOR GROWTH: Enables Officers to Better Understand My Perspective

★★★★☆ 4.44



Looking Forward in 2023



Announcing the PLECET Conference

From May 3–6, 2023, the inaugural *Professionalizing Law Enforcement–Community Engagement Training (PLECET)* Conference will be held in Atlanta, GA. The purpose of the conference is to “provide specialized training, networking, and professional development for sworn and non-sworn personnel assigned to community engagement roles within law enforcement agencies across the nation.” For more information, visit www.plecetconference2023.org.

Launching a New Network

In the second half of 2023, following the PLECET Conference, the Law Enforcement Community Engagement Network (LECEN) will be launched! The LECEN will provide ongoing training, networking opportunities, and best practice sharing for community engagement practitioners from across the country. For more information, email network@faithandblue.org.

National Faith & Blue Weekend 2023

Faith & Blue is more than a weekend. It is about deepening engagement between officers and residents to transform communities. In 2023, programming will continue and expand to meet that goal. The next National Faith & Blue Weekend will be October 6–9, 2023!

SAVE *the* DATE!



NATIONAL
FAITH & BLUE
WEEKEND

October 6–9, 2023

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