

NATIONAL FAITH & BLUE WEEKEND: **OCTOBER 6-9, 2023**

An initiative of MovementForward, Inc. and One Congregation One Precinct (OneCOP)



WHAT

National Faith & Blue Weekend (Faith & Blue) is a collaborative initiative that builds bridges and breaks down biases through activities and outreach amongst law enforcement professionals and the communities they serve.

WHY

National Faith & Blue Weekend is based on the premise that strong communities are built on mutual respect, trust and understanding. Law enforcement entities and faith-based groups are key pillars of a local community, and when they work together, neighborhoods thrive.

HOW

National Faith & Blue Weekend is an expansion of the One Congregation One Precinct initiative (OneCOP), a program of MovementForward, Inc. which is a bridge-building, solutions-focused human & civil rights organization based in Atlanta, Georgia. The OneCOP initiative pairs officers at the beat or precinct level with local houses of worship. Similarly, Faith & Blue is facilitated by law enforcement entities, faith-based organizations and the community.

WHO

National Faith & Blue Weekend organizers represent every major national law enforcement group and faith tradition in the United States of America. The effort is being co-convened by MovementForward, Inc.'s OneCOP initiative and the USDOJ Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) and is the most collaborative police-community engagement project in recent history. National Faith & Blue Weekend is sponsored by FirstNet, Built with AT&T along with the Motorola Solutions Foundation.

Getting Involved

To find out more, please go to:

www.faithandblue.org

- Read about National Faith & Blue Weekend.
- Submit a "Host An Event" interest form so that a staff member can help you get started.
- Download a toolkit.

Organizing an Event

After the Faith & Blue "Host An Event" interest form is submitted, a staff member will follow-up with the interested party to assess specific interests regarding your community event idea, collect additional information and provide materials such as the toolkit to help get started organizing the event.

Creativity is key — no one knows a community or understands the unique qualities of a neighborhood better than those who live in it!

Impact and Reach

Sixty-five million Americans attend weekly gatherings and services at more than 350,000 houses of worship nationwide.

The depth and breadth of influence held by houses of worship present an unrivaled, unique and powerful gateway to the hearts of local communities where there is shared, mutual interests in realizing effective police-community engagement.

Partners

Below is a list of law enforcement-related entities that partnered to organize the 2022 National Faith & Blue Weekend.

