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Welcome to Faith & Blue



National Faith & Blue Weekend (Faith & Blue) is a collaborative initiative that builds bridges and reduces biases by facilitating engagement between law enforcement professionals and the communities they serve. Research has shown that non-enforcement engagement of officers and residents is transformative to safety and inclusion.

Over a four-day weekend each year, Faith & Blue consists of thousands of locally organized events in all 50 states. These activities include community forums, service projects, unity marches, and hundreds of other initiatives that bring the community together in the spirit of reconciliation.

Faith & Blue organizers represent every major national law enforcement group and faith tradition in the United States. The effort is co-convened by MovementForward, Inc's One Congregation One Precinct (OneCOP) initiative, and the USDOJ Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office).



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."

Jim Bugel, President,
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CREATING **IMPACT**

2022 Faith & Blue Metrics

ENGAGEMENTS



3K+

ENGAGEMENTS
HELD ACROSS
THE U.S.A. IN **ALL**

50

**STATES AND
THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA**

100K

FAITH & BLUE
WEEKEND
PARTICIPANTS

24

NATIONAL
LAW ENFORCEMENT
PARTNERS

750+

LOCAL
LAW ENFORCEMENT
PARTNERS

65

STATE
LAW ENFORCEMENT
PARTNERS

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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

Why it Works



Faith & Blue is based on the **proven practice of Intergroup Contact Theory**

National Academy of Sciences found non-enforcement interaction improves:

- ✓ Perceptions of police performance
- ✓ Willingness to cooperate
- ✓ Perceptions of police legitimacy
- ✓ Compliance

✓ **350K** faith-based institutions across the country provide an unrivaled community asset for partnership

✓ **86%** of Americans want police to spend the same amount or more time in their area

✓ **62%** of Americans favor community policing as an increased part of police budgets



Participant Feedback

(out of 5 stars from 500+ surveys)

MOST EFFECTIVE

OFFICERS: Feel More Positive to the Community

★★★★★ 4.47

MOST EFFECTIVE

RESIDENTS: Better Understand the Perspective of Officers

★★★★★ 4.67

LIKELINESS TO PARTICIPATE AGAIN

★★★★★ 4.67

Get Involved

**ANYONE CAN PARTICIPATE IN FAITH & BLUE!
HERE ARE THE TOP FIVE STEPS TO GETTING INVOLVED:**



[1] Visit www.faithandblue.org, view the Gallery, download the Impact Report, and check out the Planning Resources to get a sense of Faith & Blue. The Toolkit contains everything you need to organize an event, from sample activities to planning checklists to outreach tips.

[2] If you are with a law enforcement agency, a faith-based institution, or a community group, identify a team member to serve as coordinator here: faithandblue.org/agencycontact. They will be assigned a Faith & Blue staff liaison.

[3] Go to the map at faithandblue.org/events. Zoom in to your community to see if there are upcoming or past events. If there are, email info@faithandblue.org to request an introduction.

[4] Sign up for the newsletter at www.faithandblue.org/newsletter to start receiving updates and support.

[5] Follow the Toolkit to jointly organize activities with partner organizations, and when you're ready, register your events at www.faithandblue.org/submit-event.

OPTIONAL:

Ask your Faith & Blue staff liaison to organize an informational webinar with members of your organization.



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



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STAY IN THE KNOW!

We offer announcements on Faith & Blue planning and resources throughout the year via our e-newsletter. To sign up, please visit www.faithandblue.org/newsletter.



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."

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

**VIEW THE FULL
2022 FAITH & BLUE
IMPACT REPORT!**



**VIEW THE 2022
FAITH & BLUE
PHOTO GALLERY!**

