



CNA Executive Session

Keeping Police Officers Safe and Well: Meeting New Challenges

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Officer safety and wellness issues remain a pressing concern for law enforcement executives and personnel, policymakers, training providers, researchers, and communities. During this session, CNA and our invited guest speakers will discuss how approaches to officer safety and wellness have evolved over time and where we are now in understanding these issues. In the wake of recent police attacks and ambushes, we feel now is the time to consider what is working well regarding officer safety and wellness, and what we must prioritize in this area. The session will include perspectives from researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and other stakeholders.

Agenda

1:00 p.m. **Welcome:** **Tim Beres**, Executive Vice President, Institute for Public Research, CNA

1:10 p.m. **Introduction:** **James Coldren**, Managing Director, Justice Programs, CNA

1:15 p.m. **Opening Keynote:** **Darrel Stephens**, Executive Director, Major Cities Chiefs Association

1:45 p.m. **Officer Safety: Strategies and Research from the Field**

- **Zoë Thorkildsen**, Research Analyst, CNA
- **Brandi Burque**, Psychologist, San Antonio, TX Police Department
- **Geoffrey Alpert**, Professor, University of South Carolina
- **Will Johnson**, Chief, Arlington, TX Police Department

3:00 p.m. **BREAK**

3:15 p.m. **Looking Forward: Addressing the Need for Enhanced Officer Safety**

- **Kristen Mahoney**, Deputy Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance
- **Jim Baker**, Director, Law Enforcement Operations and Support, International Association of Chiefs of Police
- **James Coldren**, Managing Director, Justice Programs, CNA
- **Leonard Matarese**, Director of Research & Project Development, Center for Public Safety Management

4:15 p.m. **Closing Keynote:** **James Stewart**, Public Safety Director, CNA

5:00 p.m. **Reception**