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HOUSE REPUBLICANS: SUPPORTING OUR NATION'S LAW ENFORCEMENT

Law enforcement officers across the country are facing some of the toughest working conditions in years. Many are opting to take early retirement or pursue other careers due to the difficult nature of the job and lack of public support. The safety and stability of our local communities depend on robust support of law enforcement.

- In 2021, **73 police officers**—a record number—**were killed in the line of duty** while carrying out their mission to keep our communities safe.¹
- As of May 1, **123 officers have been shot in 2022, 19 of whom were killed by gunfire.**²
- There have been **25 ambush-style attacks on law enforcement officers this year**, which have resulted in **39 officers shot, 6 of whom were killed.**³
- Law enforcement **retirements nationwide were up by 45%** and **resignations by 18%** in the 12-month period that ended in April 2021.⁴
 - In New York City, over **5,300 NYPD uniformed officers** resigned or retired in 2020 — a **75% spike over the previous year.**⁵
 - In Chicago, **660 cops retired** in 2021, nearly **twice as many** as in 2018.⁶
- According to a study from the Police Executive Research Forum, of police departments surveyed, they reported an overall **18% increase in the resignation rate** in 2020-2021, compared to 2019-2020.⁷
- Police departments across the country are **struggling to recruit new officers** to fill these open positions. A nationwide survey from June 2021 found departments are **7% short of filling budgeted positions.**⁸
 - Durham, North Carolina is down 14%⁹
 - Phoenix, Arizona is down 13%
 - Seattle, Washington is down 17%

¹ Wray, C. (2022, Jan. 13). *Op-Ed by FBI Director Christopher Wray: The Cops Who Didn't Come Home*. FBI National Press Office. <https://www.fbi.gov/news/press-releases/press-releases/op-ed-by-fbi-director-christopher-wray-the-cops-who-didnt-come-home-wray-op-ed-011322>

² Brown, M. (2022, May 2). *FOP Monthly Update: Officers Shot and Killed*. Fraternal Order of Police. <https://national.fop.net/report-shot-killed-20220502>

³ Id.

⁴ *PERF Special Report: Survey on Police Workforce Trends*. (2021, June 11). Police Executive Research Forum. <https://www.policeforum.org/workforcesurveyjune2021>

⁵ Meyers, H. (2022, May 2). *The Existential Challenge Facing Police Departments Today*. Manhattan Institute. <https://www.manhattan-institute.org/the-existential-challenge-facing-police-departments-today>

⁶ Id.

⁷ (2021, June 11). *PERF Special Report: Survey on Police Workforce Trends*. Police Executive Research Forum. <https://www.policeforum.org/workforcesurveyjune2021>

⁸ Id.

⁹ Sayers, D., & Young, R. (2022, Feb. 3). *Why Police Forces are Struggling to Recruit and Keep Officers*. CNN. <https://www.cnn.com/2022/02/02/us/police-departments-struggle-recruit-retain-officers/index.html>



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Rise in Crime Stoked by the Far-Left

- Democrats have spent years **defunding, disarming, and demonizing law enforcement.**
- Criminals feel emboldened by the defund-the-police movement while cops are continuously restrained by woke politicians.
- Law enforcement officers across the country have said that progressive prosecutors and a **pervasive antagonism towards police stoked by the left is contributing to brutal increases in violent crime.**
- **Anti-police rhetoric** has contributed to this dangerous environment and **played a major role in fueling America's crime wave.**

Americans Want Good Policing in Their Communities

- According to a Morning Consult poll, **81%** of voters **describe crime as a major problem** in our country. Crime and personal safety are a top concern of 79% of these voters.¹⁰
 - **61%** would rate the **performance of police** in their communities as **excellent or good.**¹¹
 - **3 in 4** agree that police officers do their jobs regardless of skin color, gender, or other factors.¹²

Progressive Prosecutors Are Working Against Law Enforcement

- Violent criminals are **emboldened by progressive prosecutors who don't enforce the law and activist judges who release multiple offenders** on no or little bond.
- Last year, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department made arrests, conducted investigations, and presented evidence in **13,238 cases** that the **District Attorney's office later rejected** because of "special orders," not a lack of evidence.¹³

¹⁰ Morning Consult. (2022, May 2). *Sentiment on Crime and Policing*. Fraternal Order of Police. https://files.fop.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Sentiment-on-Crime-and-Policing_Memo_for-FOP.pdf

¹¹ Id.

¹² Id.

¹³ Wallace, D. (2022, April 24). *LA County Sheriff Villanueva Slams 'Wokeism', Says it Must Go to Make City 'Livable Again'*. Fox News. <https://www.foxnews.com/us/los-angeles-sheriff-villanueva-tri-county-forum-wokeism-fire-4000-deputies-83000-homeless>