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Sheriff Cannon selected for National Use of Force Task Force

(Charleston County, SC) As a representative of the Major County Sheriff's Association, Charleston County Sheriff Al Cannon has been selected, along with other federal and state executive law enforcement leaders and prosecutors from around the country, to join a National Use of Force Task Force.

This Task Force will be headed up by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), via the Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative and the Criminal Intelligence Coordinating Council (CICC). The purpose of this Task Force is to develop a resource that provides guidance and recommendations regarding state and local law enforcement's response, investigations, and how sharing of information about officer-involved deadly use-of-force incidents.

This resource will:

1. Provide guidance and recommendations for state and local law enforcement agencies to enhance and improve use-of-force investigations, also providing transparency to the public about the process.
2. Support the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) effort to improve data collection effort related to officer-involved use of force incidents.
3. Align with the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing, providing guidance and recommendations to help establish transparency and accountability in order to build public trust and legitimacy.

The spotlight and awareness of state and local law enforcement officers' use-of-force actions across the country and the pursuant investigative activity have increased over the last few years. This heightened awareness has led to an adverse reaction in many communities, and as a result

an increase in community distrust of law enforcement actions has occurred, due to the lack of transparency (real or perceived) about law enforcement actions related to use-of-force incidents.

Sheriff Cannon's extensive academic and professional background in law enforcement and community policing matters will add great value and guidance in the development of this resource and recommendations.

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