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MCCA RELEASES VIOLENT CRIME REPORT

Today, the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) released its Violent Crime Report 2021 and 2020 Year End Comparison. Violent crime in the majority of big cities across the U.S. and Canada remains high and compared to 2019, homicides in the U.S. increased over 36%¹ The numbers are devastating and illuminate the unprecedented challenges the policing profession has had to contend with over the last few years.

As MCCA member cities have been disproportionately impacted by the sustained increase in violent crime, officers across the nation have continued to work tirelessly and head-on to keep our communities safe. More must be done to support them, crime victims, and impacted communities.

While the police are one component of the criminal justice system, the broader issue of violent and chronic offenders cycling through the criminal justice system, leaving more victims in their wake, is a contributing factor of violent crime and must not be allowed to continue. While some of our District Attorneys decline to prosecute and our Judges turn a blind eye to community risk, our federal partners can only adopt so many cases. Further, juvenile crime is soaring, and the unique challenges associated with this concerning trend must be addressed. Our criminal justice system needs transparency, criminals need deterrents and accountability, and victims deserve justice.

A collaborative, targeted, and holistic approach to combating violent crime is required to make our cities safer. Those agencies which experienced a decrease in homicides, such as Dallas, exemplify what is possible when investments are made, police officers are supported, and stakeholders work together to achieve the common goal of driving down crime. Our communities are safer and prosperous when we work together.

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The Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) is a professional organization of police executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada. The MCCA provides a unique forum for urban chiefs, sheriffs and other law enforcement executives to share ideas, experiences and strategies. MCCA provides a collaborative forum for the advancement of public safety through innovation, research, policy development, government engagement, community outreach, and leadership development.

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¹Data based upon 73 MCCA member reporting agencies in 2019 and 79 in 2021