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IACP: U.S. Federal Government Shutdown Threatens Public Safety

Chief Paul M. Cell, President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), says that ending the government shutdown should be a priority, as it threatens public safety.

“The government shutdown severely impacts public safety agencies and the criminal justice system and, as a result, our communities are adversely impacted. In one way or another, the shutdown touches everyone’s lives either directly or indirectly.”

“The longer the shutdown continues, the more difficult it becomes for federal law enforcement agencies, and their state and local partners, to fulfill their shared mission of protecting the public. Lack of funding severely limits essential public safety functions such as investigating and combatting violent crime, ensuring that our borders are safe and secure, and ensuring the safety of air travelers.”

“Despite these challenges, and working without pay, I am confident that the men and woman of law enforcement will remain steadfast in their mission to protect the nation and its citizens.”

“I urge elected officials to come together towards a solution that funds both the U.S. federal government and border security measures.”

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