



**International Association of
Chiefs of Police**

44 Canal Center Plaza, Suite 200
Alexandria, VA 22314-2357
Phone: 703-836-6767; 1-800-THE IACP
Fax: 703-836-4543
Web: www.theiacp.org

President
Terrence M. Cunningham
Chief of Police
Wellesley Police Department
Wellesley, MA

Immediate Past President
Richard M. Beary
Chief of Police
University of Central Florida
Orlando, FL

First Vice President
Donald De Lucca
Chief of Police
Doral Police Department
Doral, FL

Second Vice President
Louis M. Dekmar
Chief of Police
LaGrange Police Department
LaGrange, GA

Third Vice President
Paul M. Cell
Chief of Police
Montclair State University
Police Department
Montclair, NJ

Fourth Vice President
Steven R. Casstevens
Chief of Police
Buffalo Grove Police
Department
Buffalo Grove, IL

Vice President at Large
James R. Craze
Chief of Police
Greenbelt Police Department
Greenbelt, MD

Vice President at Large
Richard E. Smith
Chief of Police
Wakefield Police Department
Wakefield, MA

International Vice President
Patrick Stevens
Chief Commissioner
Belgian Police Liaison Officer
Belgian Embassy
Washington, DC

Vice President-Treasurer
Dwight E. Henninger
Chief of Police
Vail Police Department
Vail, CO

**General Chair Division of State
Associations of Chiefs of Police**
John W. Letteney
Chief of Police
Apex Police Department
Apex, NC

**General Chair Division of State and
Provincial Police**
Colonel W. Steven Flaherty
Superintendent
Virginia State Police
Richmond, VA

Parliamentarian
Peter L. Carnes
Chief of Police
Stonehill College Campus Police & Safety
Easton, MA

**Executive Director / Chief Executive
Officer**
Vincent Talucci
Alexandria, VA

Deputy Executive Director
Gwen Boniface
Alexandria, VA

February 29, 2016

The Honorable Thad Cochran, Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jean Shaheen, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Homeland Security
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Barbara Mikulski, Vice
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Hoeven, Chairman
Subcommittee on Homeland Security
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Cochran, Mikulski, Hoeven, and Shaheen:

On behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), I am writing to express our strong concern with the severe cuts to four key homeland security grant programs proposed in the President's Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 budget. In all these programs would be cut by 44 percent below FY 2016 levels. The Urban Area Security Initiative Program would be cut by 45 percent, from \$600 million this year to \$330 million next year. The State Homeland Security Grant Program would be cut by 57 percent, from \$467 million this year to \$200 million next year. Public Transportation Security Assistance would be cut by 15 percent to \$85,000 next year, Port Security grants by 7 percent to \$93 million next year.

At a time of heightened concern about terrorism and violent extremism at home, increased funding for these critical programs is essential. They play a vital role in ensuring that state and local governments are prepared to respond to future terrorist attacks and have the necessary resources to protect their communities and their residents.

As you begin development of FY 2017 appropriations legislation, we urge you to reject these proposed cuts and respectfully request that you fund these programs at least at FY 2016 funding levels.

Thank you again for attention on this important issue and for your support for the law enforcement community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Cunningham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Terrence Cunningham
President
International Association of Chiefs of Police