

Congressional “Ask a Criminologist” Series “Crime & Policing During the COVID-19 Era”

Monday, August 15 at 2:00 PM EST

Conducted via Zoom: <https://vcu.zoom.us/j/83393827533>

Please join the [Crime & Justice Research Alliance \(CJRA\)](#) and the [Consortium of Social Science Associations \(COSSA\)](#) for our annual “Ask a Criminologist” Congressional briefing with leading experts and law enforcement officials from around the country exploring the most important topics in crime, policing, and national security. These briefings provide an opportunity for Congressional staff and key stakeholders to engage directly with researchers and practitioners across the nation.

This briefing, held via Zoom, explores how COVID-19 has impacted crime and policing in US cities and what we might expect in the near future. Presentations on crime rates, policing, and policy are followed by a Q&A session. The pandemic has created unprecedented challenges for law enforcement agencies which have had to alter police practices and strategies. Violent, property, and drug crimes have changed during the coronavirus pandemic.

Panelists include **Dr. Richard Rosenfeld**, Curators’ Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Criminology and Criminal Justice at University of Missouri - St. Louis & Council of Criminal Justice; **Police Chief Eddie Garcia**, Dallas Police Department; and **Police Chief Anthony Holloway**, St. Petersburg Police Department. The panel will be moderated by **Dr. William V. Pelfrey, Jr.**, Professor of Criminal Justice in the Wilder School at Virginia Commonwealth University.

No registration required. Just click on the Zoom link above.

About CJRA: *The Crime and Justice Research Alliance (CJRA) is a centralized resource of authoritative experts and scholarly studies created to provide policymakers, practitioners and the public direct access to relevant research on crime and criminal justice issues. Formed in 2015, CJRA is supported by the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) which represents more than 3,000 criminal justice scholars and research experts. For more information, please visit www.crimeandjusticeresearchalliance.org or @CJRAAlliance.*

About COSSA: *The Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) is a nonprofit advocacy organization working to promote sustainable federal funding for social and behavioral science research and federal policies that positively impact the conduct of research. COSSA serves as a united voice for a broad, diverse network of organizations, institutions, communities and stakeholders who care about a successful and vibrant social science research enterprise. For more information, please visit www.cossa.org and @COSSADC.*

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