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Subject: **NATIONAL FAITH AND BLUE WEEKEND**

**ANNOUNCING NATIONAL FAITH AND BLUE WEEKEND:
A Public-Private Collaborative Effort to Build Bridges and Break Biases**

Law Enforcement Unites with Faith Community for a Nationwide Weekend of Resolution and Reconciliation.

The City of Miami Police Department along with other national law enforcement groups, the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) and MovementForward, Inc.'s One Congregation One Precinct (OneCOP) initiative are jointly organizing the most consolidated police-community engagement project in recent history - **National Faith and Blue Weekend (NFBW)** with **FirstNet, Built with AT&T** as its presenting sponsor. The mission of NFBW is to facilitate safer, stronger and more unified communities by connecting law enforcement officers and residents through local houses of worship.

"Finding common ground and ensuring justice for all starts with collaborative and respectful communication and the National Faith and Blue Weekend is evidence of leadership by example," said Jason Porter, senior vice president, FirstNet Program at AT&T. "Through its mission focused and highly diverse group of faith-based and policing organization leaders, this initiative is laser focused on facilitating positive and actionable community relations between citizens and law enforcement across our Nation. As America's public safety partner, it's our honor to support this grassroots effort to strengthen police-community relations in neighborhoods across the country."

As the nation continues to grapple with recent discord between law enforcement and some of the communities they serve, this weekend will serve as NFBW's first installation to address a need for more authentic collaboration between law enforcement and citizens.

Collaborations between law enforcement and local groups – especially faith-based organizations – are invaluable force-multipliers for creating safer and more engaged communities. NFBW will positively impact Americans by directly engaging community influencers, residents and law enforcement professionals in every state across the U.S.

NFBW is slated for October 9 – 12, 2020 with planned activities such as community dialogues, service projects and other interactive experiences to help foster on-going, authentic and mutual community-law enforcement trust.

NFBW is an unprecedented national law enforcement-community engagement project involving nearly every major national law enforcement group in the United States of America along with the three entities in the federal government that deal most directly with policing.

For more information about National Faith and Blue Weekend, visit www.faihandblue.org.

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