Rutgers Miller Center Partners with the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Police to Host the National Symposium on Police Academies and Training

New Brunswick, N.J. (August 23, 2022) — The Rutgers University Miller Center for Community Protection and Center on Policing is partnering with the Washington DC Metropolitan Police to host the National Symposium on Police Academies and Training this week (August 21 - 23) in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Miller Center's Senior Fellow, Paul Goldenberg, is co-chairing the conference alongside Chief of Staff Marvin Haiman from the Washington D.C. Metro Police.

The partnership, formally known as the Global Consortium for Law Enforcement Training Executives (GCLETE), aims to bring together police academy executives in a collaborative forum to share best practices, facilitate networking opportunities, and provide access to training material and methodologies from law enforcement agencies around the world.

The national symposium was created in direct response to current events in the United States, including President Joe Biden's call for a renewed focus on police training during his State of the Union Address.

Over 70 law enforcement agencies and organizations from across the country are anticipated to attend. Gordon Graham, Co-Founder of Lexipol, will deliver a keynote lecture about reshaping the future of police academies and training, particularly encouraging officers in training to complete college degrees while at the academy.

"This partnership, and this symposium, will begin to fill the need identified by President Biden by identifying, highlighting, and sharing best practices across the full range of issues confronting law enforcement today, from cultivating strong community partnerships and engaging mental health and

other social service agencies to identifying and interdicting emerging threats to public safety," said Miller Center Director and former New Jersey Attorney General John J. Farmer, Jr.

"American police and by extension the agencies they represent, reside at the convergence between a civil society and its government. In many ways, America's law enforcement is our nation's first line of government representation. With so many dissimilar roles to fulfill, law enforcement agencies are challenged with continually attempting to teach these roles in their academies. GCLETE will allow those responsible for training our law enforcement agencies the opportunity to learn from each other and transform the way we prepare our police," said Paul Goldenberg, Chief Advisor, Policy and International Policing for the Miller Center and Center on Policing.

"Now more than ever is it important for law enforcement agencies to consider how they train their police officers. The landscape of law enforcement continues to change. While agencies focus on revamping practices to hire officers, it is just as important to ensure proper training of those we hire. While in many agencies, law enforcement training has remained static over decades, changing generational expectations, technology advancements, and innovative educational practices offer new opportunities to rethink police education. This conference, and the ongoing work of the Global Consortium for Police Academies and Law Enforcement Training, serve to help agencies advance their law enforcement training," said Marvin Haiman, Chief of Staff for the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Police Department.

ABOUT THE MILLER CENTER FOR COMMUNITY PROTECTION AND RESILIENCE
[The Miller Center for Community Protection and Resilience](#) engages in education and public service focused on protecting vulnerable communities. The Eagleton affiliated center identifies and disseminates best practices, offers training workshops, consults on security and civil liberties, and undertakes research.

ABOUT THE EAGLETON INSTITUTE OF POLITICS
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ABOUT THE RUTGERS CENTER ON POLICING
The Rutgers Center on Policing (COP), formerly known as the Police Institute, was founded by Dr. George Kelling in 2001. In 2018, our Center joined the Miller Center for Community Protection and Resilience (CPR) and the Center for Intelligence Studies under the Rutgers Institute for Secure Communities (RISC). Our Center is composed of individuals with a broad range of experience in the public safety arena. The COP's mission is to integrate research and evidence-based best practices into police operations, violence reduction, problem-solving, community policing, education, training, and the development of criminal justice policy and practice

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research institution and a member of the prestigious Association of American Universities. It has an internationally acclaimed faculty, 12 degree—granting schools and the Big Ten Conference's most diverse student body.

GLOBAL CONSORTIUM FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING EXECUTIVES
The Global Consortium for Law Enforcement Training Executives (GCLETE) was established to provide members with exceptional value through the exchange of innovative curriculum and methods or programs that enhance the educational, training, and certification processes of the law enforcement professional. GCLETE will provide a coordination hub for the centralization of best practices, information sharing, and services provided to member agencies and institutions and will serve as the coordinating body for chief executive officers of training academies and institutions to allow the transfer of industry-recognized best practices from one agency to another.

METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is the primary law enforcement agency for the District of Columbia and is the sixth largest local police department in the United States. The department serves an area of 68 square miles and a residential population of over 700,000. Founded in 1861, the MPD of today is on the forefront of innovation, from advances in evidence analysis to intelligence-led policing. These approaches are combined with a impactful community engagement philosophy that focuses on strengthening the partnerships between police and community.