

The BJA Executive Session on

# Police Leadership

2015

*The BJA Executive Session on Police Leadership* was a multi-year endeavor (2010-2014) with a goal to develop innovative thinking that would help create police leaders uniquely qualified to meet the challenges of a changing public safety landscape.

In support of an integrated approach to creating safe and viable communities across America, the project directors recruited 20+ principals from a range of disciplines. The principals, in turn, led national field teams of practitioners focused on the work of policing and the organization of the future.

To gain new insights on leadership, the *BJA Executive Session on Police Leadership* engaged police chiefs in documenting their own paths and invited leaders to participate in various audio and video forums to tell their stories and discuss the future of policing and police leadership.

Please visit our website, <http://bjaexecutivesessiononpoliceleadership.org/>, to learn more about this project and to access a broad array of interactive, multimedia resources.

The principals were supported in their work by a team that included project co-director Darrel W. Stephens, project strategist Nancy McKeon, and BJA Senior Policy Advisor Steve Edwards.

*Policing in America has suffered a crisis of confidence over the past ten months. Shootings and deaths in Ferguson, MO; Cleveland, OH, New York City, Pasco, WA and North Charleston, SC at the hands of police have raised serious questions about how minorities are treated in encounters with officers. A crisis requires that police chiefs provide strong leadership to both the community and their officers. One way of doing that is to take advantage of the opportunity to share your perspective through the news media. Columbus, Ohio Police Chief Kim Jacobs has done that in the Letter to the Editor of *The Columbus Dispatch*.*

## Columbus police want to earn community's trust and respect

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