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Three Sheriffs Become Law Enforcement Immigration Task Force Co-Chairs

Sheriffs from Arizona, North Carolina and Virginia will serve as new co-chairs of the Law Enforcement Immigration Task Force (LEITF).

The newly announced leaders are **Sheriff David Hathaway** of Santa Cruz County, Arizona; **Sheriff Clarence Birkhead** of Durham County, North Carolina; and **Sheriff Sean Casey** of the city of Alexandria, Virginia. Each is an existing member of the task force.

The three join co-chair **Chief Ruben Quesada** of Swampscott, Massachusetts.

"Trust between law enforcement and immigrants isn't just good policy, it's how we keep people safe. I've seen that throughout my career here in Santa Cruz County, and I look forward to emphasizing it nationwide," said **Sheriff David Hathaway of Santa Cruz County, Arizona**.

"Our security and community-centered law enforcement approaches are complementary. I look forward to prioritizing accountability while ensuring that contributors in our communities can live without fear," said **Sheriff Clarence Birkhead of Durham County, North Carolina**.

"In Alexandria, we've built public safety on the foundation of trust. That means every community member, regardless of background, feels safe to engage with law enforcement. I look forward to uniting more law enforcement leaders around the shared goals of safety, trust and access," said **Sheriff Sean Casey of Alexandria, Virginia**.

"The Law Enforcement Immigration Task Force will continue to advocate for immigration policies that prioritize our security and safety alongside community trust and human dignity," said **Chief Ruben Quesada of Swampscott, Massachusetts**.

"Each of these leaders has worked to build trust, respect and safety across their communities, no matter community members' immigration status. That keeps all of us safer," said **Jennie Murray, President and CEO of the National Immigration Forum**, which facilitates the work of the LEITF.

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