

Notice regarding Presidential Executive Order 13929 on Safe Policing for Safe Communities and
Law Enforcement Agency Credentialing

On June 16, 2020, President Donald J. Trump issued Executive Order (EO) 13929 on Safe Policing for Safe Communities. The EO provides for an independent credentialing body that will be responsible for certifying that law enforcement agencies applying for U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) discretionary grant funding are in compliance with two mandatory safe policing principles in the DOJ's *Standards of Certification*. These are: (1) adherence to applicable laws, meaning the applying agency maintains use of force policies that adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws; and (2) prohibition of choke holds, meaning the applying agency maintains use of force policies that prohibit the use of choke holds, except in situations where the use of deadly force is allowed by law.

Law enforcement agencies wishing to apply for DOJ discretionary grant funding, who are not already certified by a designated credentialing body, will be required to be "in the process of certification," as set out in EO 13929, on or before January 31, 2021. A law enforcement agency is considered in the process of certification if they have contacted an independent credentialing body to begin the process of certification. For the purposes of applying for an award, the law enforcement agency will need to affirm that they are in process of certification with the funding application. Independent credentialing bodies in each state will be able to provide agencies with guidance on how they can obtain certification.

The two designated credentialing bodies in New Jersey are the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (primary certifying agency) and the New Jersey Police Training Commission. Their contact information is:

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For further information, please refer to the attached Executive Order and COPS Fact Sheet which contains the pertinent information and FAQ's.