Police Bureaucracy in USA

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Issues Police Bureaucracy is Facing in USA

In previous several years, law enforcement agencies in America has dealt with different challenges. Crime rates related to violence have increased in big cities but in other areas, crime rates are effectively controlled.

Police has few allies throughout the country. City officials easily surrender themselves to pressure build by political parties, blames and calls for prosecution of officers without ample evidence and investigation. Due to this fear has been seen among the officers for their career and reputation. Numerous police officers cease to involve themselves or are hesitant in enforcing discretionary activities, although all departments doesnot show this trend. Some leaves police department while new recruits are not joining which contributes to shortfall in staff. Law enforcement techniques such as “Terry stops” are mischaracterize which is very successful technique is denying itself to officers. Rheotoric against the police has left low-income Americans and communities belong to minority at more risk.

New administration is initiating new laws which includes Task Force establishment on Public Safety and Crime Reduction that focuses on violent crime reduction and police support measures. These factors are pivotal in making substantial changes for communities and American police system.

Keeping these things in mind, a diverse professional group is assembled by The Heritage Foundation having experience in local, state and federal law enforcement. Important points discussed by the group are as follow

1. Identification of most concerning issues related to Police agency that they are facing which includes trust deficit, training adequacy, new technology famililiarity, data gathering and sharing.
2. Identifying the best approach to execute and address problems to combat crime.
3. Devising the best way to communicate with political leaders and public, building and improving trust with community.

Attendies of the group shows their concerns that narrative building is very important and police department is losing control with anti-police narratives. Countring of this trend is very important. Countring this narrative, police department have to take following measures:

1. Marketing strategies should be developed and relation with media should be enhanced to build trust with community.
2. Build your own narrative as military does. Dangers faced by an average soldier and law enforcement officer is same but narrative they build makes their reputation among public.
3. Rely on political leadership not on mainstream media to counteract the narrative.