

## UPDATED NEW JERSEY ATTORNEY GENERAL ELECTION DIRECTIVE AND CONSIDERATIONS AS ELECTION DAY NEARS

As election day approaches, it seems clear the threat of violence remains heightened.<sup>1</sup> Law enforcement leaders should be aware of the latest [New Jersey Attorney General Guidance on the Role of Law Enforcement in Election Activities](#) issued on October 27, 2022. This directive reinforces the guidance detailed in past directives and serves as a reminder of the urgency that law enforcement leaders take the necessary steps to prepare their officers to protect themselves and others.

Some considerations for the law enforcement leader:

- Ensure officers are aware of the latest guidance issued by the N.J. Attorney General on October 27, 2022. In addition to the various restrictions and permitted practices concerning the presence of law enforcement at polling locations, it may be imperative for officers to know the varying degree of gradation of crimes and offenses that occur at polling locations.
- Review the [N.J. Attorney General Voting Rights Resources](#) page, which includes links to the New Jersey Voter Information Portal, Polling Place Search Tool, what action to take if a person is a victim of discrimination or harassment while exercising their right to vote, and other valuable resources.
- Ensure officers are aware of polling locations and any specific or unique security concerns such areas may present.
- Collaborate with local and county election officials in advance to ensure they understand the parameters in which law enforcement must operate.
- Review the Crime and Justice Institute resource: [A Framework for Public Safety to Prepare for Elections](#). This resource includes a valuable planning guide that addresses election preparation for public safety agencies in four critical areas: *Norming, Community Outreach, Safety, and Communications*.
- Review the FBI resource: [Election Crimes and Security](#).
- Review the Department of Justice resource: [Justice Department Releases Information on Efforts to Protect the Right to Vote – Prosecute Election Fraud and Secure Elections](#).
- Review the National Policing Foundation resource: [Policing in a Time of Elections](#).

If you have any questions, please contact your Law Enforcement Risk Control Consultant.

<sup>1</sup>Jones, D., Yousef, O., & Kim, J. (2022, October 29). *Ahead of Election Day, U.S. Agencies Warn of Potential Attacks by Election Extremists*. Retrieved from NPR: <https://www.npr.org/2022/10/29/1132537240/government-warns-domestic-attacks-midterm-elections>