



NATIONAL LEADERSHIP & PUBLIC SAFETY FORUM

ARIZONA'S ANNUAL NONPARTISAN BRUNCH IN THE U.S. CAPITAL

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Saturday, September 19, 2026

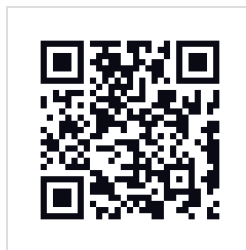
9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

The National Law Enforcement Museum

444 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

EVENT GUIDE BOOK

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About the Forum

The National Leadership & Public Safety Forum — Arizona's Annual Nonpartisan Brunch in the U.S. Capital — brings together distinguished leaders from across law enforcement, public safety, emergency management, government, media, and community engagement.

Presented by Peregrine and hosted by the HeroZona Foundation, this exclusive forum features nationally recognized speakers and thought leaders discussing public safety, leadership, community partnerships, emergency preparedness, and the future of law enforcement and public service.

The forum provides a unique opportunity to engage with influential leaders, gain insight into national public safety priorities, and participate in meaningful dialogue on strengthening communities through collaboration and effective leadership. It continues more than two decades of Arizona civic engagement at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference.

At a Glance

Date	Saturday, September 19, 2026
Time	9:30 AM – 1:00 PM (doors open 9:30 AM; program begins 11:30 AM)
Venue	The National Law Enforcement Museum, 444 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20001
Format	Brunch and panelist forum — sponsor greetings, moderated panel, audience Q&A, networking
Attire	Business professional
Admission	Invitation only — limited seating. A limited number of seats are available at partiful.com/e/jbVBibyue5JPfEni977
Weekend Guide	Scan the code on the cover or visit AZinDC.com for the full Arizona delegation schedule

Run of Show

The National Law Enforcement Museum — Washington, DC

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Arrival Schedule

TIME	ACT
9:30 – 10:00 am	Doors Open — Registration & Networking
10:00 – 10:05 am	Rhoshawndra L. Carnes , Board Member, HeroZona Foundation — Welcome, Safety Instructions & Invocation
10:05 – 11:20 am	Brunch & Networking
11:20 – 11:30 am	Transition into the Auditorium
11:30 – 12:56 pm	Program (see Show Order)
12:56 – 1:00 pm	Final Thoughts, Networking & Close

Run of Show — Show Order

TIME	ACT	DESCRIPTION
11:30 – 11:31 am	Aliyah Powell <i>Board Member, HeroZona Foundation</i>	Introduces Board Member Dennis Prince for the Pledge of Allegiance, and HeroZona Co-Founder Aaron D. Bare.
11:31 – 11:32 am	Dennis Prince <i>Board Member, HeroZona Foundation</i>	Pledge of Allegiance.
11:32 – 11:35 am	Aaron D. Bare <i>Co-Founder, HeroZona Foundation</i>	Overview of the forum; introduces the Mistress of Ceremonies.
11:35 – 11:38 am	Kesha Hodge Washington <i>Vice Mayor, City of Phoenix</i>	Mistress of Ceremonies — welcoming thoughts and introduction of sponsors.
11:38 – 11:40 am	Cathryn Masters <i>Peregrine Technologies</i>	Presenting Sponsor greetings.
11:40 – 11:41 am	Teresa Hodge <i>Aventiv / Securus Technologies</i>	Sponsor greetings.
11:41 – 11:42 am	Rhoshawndra L. Carnes <i>Arizona Public Service (APS)</i>	Sponsor greetings.
11:42 – 11:43 am	Essen Otu <i>SRP</i>	Sponsor greetings.
11:43 – 11:44 am	Mitchell R. Davis III <i>President, NOBLE</i>	Sponsor greetings.
11:44 – 11:45 am	Tracy Lopes <i>Office of Gov. Katie Hobbs</i>	Sponsor greetings.
11:45 – 11:55 am	Kesha Hodge Washington <i>Mistress of Ceremonies</i>	Introduction of the moderator and featured panelists.
11:56 – 12:56 pm	Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. <i>Moderator, President & CEO, NNPA</i>	Moderated panel discussion with all featured speakers, followed by audience Q&A.
12:56 – 1:00 pm	Alan "AP" Powell <i>Founder, HeroZona Foundation</i>	Final thoughts; networking and close.

Featured Speakers



Renée Hall

Immediate Past President, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)

A nationally recognized law enforcement executive, Renée Hall previously served as Chief of the Dallas Police Department. As NOBLE's Immediate Past President, she has championed equity, accountability, and excellence across the profession.



Michael G. Sullivan

Chief, United States Capitol Police

Chief Sullivan leads the United States Capitol Police, the agency charged with protecting Congress, its members, and the Capitol complex. He brings decades of major-city policing experience, including executive service with the Phoenix Police Department.



Robert J. Contee III

Former Assistant Director, FBI Office of Partner Engagement

Robert J. Contee III served as Assistant Director of the FBI's Office of Partner Engagement after leading the Metropolitan Police Department of Washington, D.C. as Chief of Police, capping a three-decade career in the nation's capital.



Perry Tarrant

Director, Office of Law Enforcement Integration, FEMA

Perry Tarrant directs FEMA's Office of Law Enforcement Integration, aligning law enforcement capabilities with national emergency preparedness and response. He is a past national president of NOBLE and a veteran police executive.



Garry L. McFadden

Sheriff, Mecklenburg County (Charlotte, North Carolina)

Sheriff McFadden leads the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office following a decorated career as a homicide detective with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, where he became one of the most recognized investigators in the country.



James "Spider" Marks

Maj. Gen. (Ret.), U.S. Army; CNN Military & Intelligence Analyst

A retired U.S. Army Major General, "Spider" Marks served as Executive Dean of the College of Security and Criminal Justice at the University of Phoenix and is a familiar national voice on security affairs as a CNN military and intelligence analyst.

Moderator & Mistress of Ceremonies

MODERATOR



Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.

President & CEO, National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA)

A renowned civil rights leader, author, and journalist, Dr. Chavis leads the NNPA, the trade association of more than 200 African American-owned newspapers and media companies across the United States.

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES



Kesha Hodge Washington

Vice Mayor, City of Phoenix; Councilmember, District 8

An attorney and public servant, Vice Mayor Kesha Hodge Washington represents District 8 on the Phoenix City Council and serves as Vice Mayor of the City of Phoenix. She is co-chair of the Arizona Delegation to the 55th Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Annual Legislative Conference.

Host Leadership



Alan "AP" Powell

Founder & Chairman, HeroZona Foundation

A U.S. Army Desert Storm veteran and chairman of AP & Associates – Strategic Alliances, AP Powell founded the HeroZona Foundation and built Arizona's presence at the Congressional Black Caucus over two decades.



Aaron D. Bare

CEO, Extraordinary; Co-Founder, HeroZona Foundation

CEO of Extraordinary and a Wall Street Journal bestselling author, Aaron D. Bare is an executive coach, keynote speaker, and facilitator working with founders on exponential thinking and leadership.



Aliyah Powell

Board Member, HeroZona Foundation

A member of the HeroZona Foundation board, Aliyah Powell opens the program and introduces the morning's first speakers.



Dennis Prince

Board Member, HeroZona Foundation

A member of the HeroZona Foundation board, Dennis Prince leads the Pledge of Allegiance to open the program.

Sponsor & Partner Greetings

The program opens with greetings from the organizations whose support makes this forum possible.

PRESENTING SPONSOR — PEREGRINE



Cathryn Masters

*Growth & Engagement Leader, Peregrine Technologies;
Assistant Chief (Ret.), Tempe Police Department*

Cathryn Masters leads growth and engagement for Peregrine in Arizona following a career in Arizona law enforcement, retiring as Assistant Chief of the Tempe Police Department. She brings both the operator's perspective and the technologist's to the question of how public safety data should be built and governed.

SECURUS TECHNOLOGIES



Teresa Hodge

Chairwoman, Corporate Advisory Board, Aventiv Technologies

Teresa Hodge chairs the Corporate Advisory Board of Aventiv Technologies, parent company of Securus Technologies. A nationally recognized entrepreneur and advocate, she co-founded Mission: Launch and R3 Score, building tools that expand economic opportunity for people rejoining their communities.

ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE



Rhoshawndra L. Carnes

*Community Development Consultant, Arizona Public Service;
Board Member, HeroZona Foundation*

Rhoshawndra L. Carnes serves as a Community Development Consultant for Arizona Public Service, building partnerships between the utility and the Arizona communities it serves. A HeroZona Foundation board member, she also opens the forum with the welcome and invocation.

NOBLE



Mitchell R. Davis III

*President, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement
Executives (NOBLE)*

Chief Mitchell R. Davis III serves as national President of NOBLE and as Chief of Police for the Village of Hazel Crest, Illinois, where he has built a career on community-centered policing, innovation, and the development of the next generation of law enforcement leaders.



Tracy Lopes, JD, MS

*Deputy Chief of Staff, Outreach & Engagement, Office of
Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs*

Tracy Lopes serves as Deputy Chief of Staff for Outreach and Engagement in the Office of Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs, connecting the Governor's office with communities, organizations, and leaders across the state.



Essen Otu

Senior Manager, People & Culture, SRP

Essen Otu serves as Senior Manager of People & Culture at SRP, Arizona's community-based water and power utility, bringing greetings on behalf of SRP and its long-standing investment in Arizona communities.

The Venue: National Law Enforcement Museum

Located at Judiciary Square in the heart of Washington, DC, the National Law Enforcement Museum is a one-of-a-kind immersive institution telling the story of American law enforcement. Opened in 2018, the museum sits largely below ground beneath two striking glass entrance pavilions, directly adjacent to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

The museum houses more than 20,000 artifacts and features interactive experiences — including a 911 dispatch simulator and forensics lab — along with the moving Hall of Remembrance honoring officers who made the ultimate sacrifice. Guests are encouraged to arrive early or stay after the forum to experience the galleries and pay respects at the Memorial.

Getting There

Address	444 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20001 (Judiciary Square, between 4th & 5th Streets NW)
Metro	Judiciary Square station (Red Line) exits directly onto the Memorial grounds steps from the museum. Gallery Place–Chinatown (Red, Green & Yellow Lines) is a short walk away.
Parking	Street parking is limited. Paid garages are available throughout Penn Quarter and Judiciary Square, including near Capital One Arena and along 5th, 6th & E Streets NW.
Airports	Ronald Reagan Washington National (DCA) ≈ 15 minutes by car or Metro; Washington Dulles (IAD) ≈ 45 minutes; BWI Marshall ≈ 60 minutes.
Rideshare	Drop-off at E Street NW between 4th and 5th Streets NW.

While You're in Washington

The museum sits in Judiciary Square, minutes from Penn Quarter and Chinatown's restaurants, the National Portrait Gallery, Capital One Arena, the U.S. Capitol, and the National Mall's monuments and Smithsonian museums — ideal for guests extending their stay through the weekend.

Nearby hotels include the Kimpton Hotel Monaco (Penn Quarter), Grand Hyatt Washington, Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, and the Phoenix Park Hotel — all within a short walk or ride of the museum. September in Washington is warm and pleasant, with daytime temperatures typically in the upper 70s°F.

Continue the weekend. Following the forum, the Arizona delegation gathers for **Arizona Experience: After Dark at The Park** — Saturday, September 19, 8:00 PM, The Park at Fourteenth, 920 14th Street NW. Scan the code on the back cover for the full weekend schedule.

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Sponsors & Partners

The HeroZona Foundation gratefully acknowledges the sponsors and partners who make the National Leadership & Public Safety Forum possible:

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Arizona Department of Public Safety • Securus Technologies • Motorola
Office of Vice Mayor Kesha Hodge Washington, District 8

Hosted By

The HeroZona Foundation is an Arizona-based nonprofit dedicated to empowering veterans, first responders, and underserved communities through education, economic opportunity, and community engagement. Programs include Phoenix Tools 4 School, The Bridge Forum, Holiday Bike Giveaways, MLK Celebrating the Dream, Play It Forward, Veterans Reach to Teach, the HeroZona Forgotten Heroes Breakfast, and Blue Zones Activate in South Phoenix.

RSVP & Contact

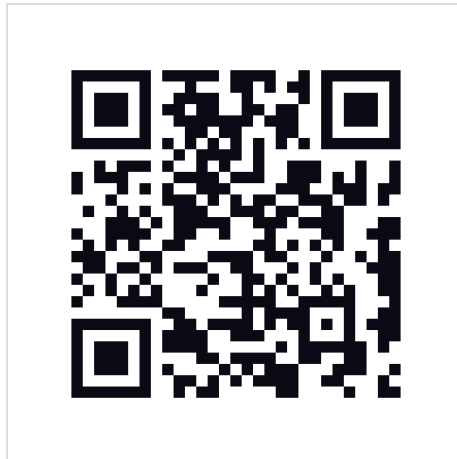
Attendance is by invitation only and seating is limited. A limited number of seats are available at partiful.com/e/jbVBibyfue5JPfEni977. For more information about the foundation's community program partnerships, visit HeroZona.org.



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