



Major County Sheriffs of America

1450 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 • mcsheriffs.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 2, 2020

CONTACT

Kim Wagner

Executive Director

kwagner@mcsheriffs.com

MCSA Statement on Election Safety

Major County Sheriffs of America are elected to ensure public safety for 120 million Americans. As such, we are concerned about reports of voter intimidation and threats of potential violence related to tomorrow's election. As elected sheriffs of all political stripes we are intimately familiar with the realities of political campaigning. It can generate a lot of emotion and strong feelings. However, voter intimidation and violence have no legitimate place in our elections.

The ability to vote safely is one of our most sacred rights as Americans. We stand firmly against all attempts at voter suppression. Voting is a fundamental right in our democracy. We also condemn in the strongest terms violence of any type associated with elections. Voter intimidation is illegal and violence in any form is not a constitutionally protected activity. As elected Sheriffs, it is our responsibility to enforce the law without bias, partisanship or prejudice. As they do every day, our personnel will work tirelessly on Election Day and the days following to ensure the safety of the people of our respective counties.

We encourage every American to cast their ballots. Doing so is both a constitutional right and a civic responsibility. If the public chooses after the election results are posted to celebrate or protest, they should do so peacefully and safely. This includes following local and state public health guidance for COVID-19. The results of this election may take time to completely count. Every vote matters in a democracy.

We have an amazing country. We enjoy both the freedom and constitutional right to choose our elected representatives. In this time of the exercise of that freedom and that right, we ask that Americans remain calm and use their First Amendment rights as intended by our founders: peacefully, responsibly and safely.

###