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Sheriff Cannon invited to participate in White House Conference Call on Syrian Refugee Crisis

(Charleston County, SC) Today, November 19, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., Charleston County Sheriff Al Cannon, who is also a member of the Major County Sheriffs' Association (MCSA), will participate in a White House Conference call regarding Syrian Refugees with Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas and other senior level Administration officials to add some thoughtful insight and discussion surrounding this crisis and potential threat to the United States. Sheriff Cannon's extensive background in law enforcement and counter-terrorism will add great value to this discussion.

MCSA is an association of elected Sheriffs representing the Nation's largest counties with populations of 500,000 or more. Collectively, MCSA represents more than 100 million Americans and as such, are acutely aware of the security challenges facing our nation.

MCSA strongly supports the American SAFE Act of 2015 and believes that it is a positive step towards protecting the homeland. This Act would require a necessary and thorough background investigation prior to admission into the United States for refugees from Iraq and Syria, or for those who have at any point in time since March 2011 been present in the two countries.

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