

Gun Violence Prevention Challenge Summit & Hack-a-thon

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Peter J. Koutoujian was sworn in as the 30th Sheriff of Middlesex County on January 21, 2011. During his six years in office, Sheriff Koutoujian has focused on launching a new era at the Middlesex Sheriff's Office with a series of initiatives aimed at addressing the factors that lead to incarceration using new, innovative approaches.

As a former public health official and assistant district attorney, Sheriff Koutoujian brings a unique paradigm to the field of corrections. The Sheriff has led an effort throughout the Commonwealth to utilize health insurance as a tool to reduce recidivism by creating continuity of care while saving taxpayer dollars.

The successful programming at the Middlesex Sheriff's Office stems from Sheriff Koutoujian's belief that incarceration can be "a window of opportunity" to address the factors that lead to criminal behavior. Today, programs offered at the Middlesex Jail and House of Correction include medication assisted treatment, a specialized veterans unit and modified cognitive behavioral therapy.

In October 2017, Sheriff Koutoujian was elected by his peers to serve as President of the Massachusetts Sheriff's Association for a two year term effective January 2018. Sheriff Koutoujian is also a founding member of Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime & Incarceration, a group of over 150 police chiefs, attorneys general, chief prosecutors and agency leaders committed to reducing rates of incarceration. In February of 2017, he was recognized as a "Champion of Justice Reform" by the Coalition for Public Safety, a national bipartisan coalition advancing criminal justice reform.