

## Congressional “Ask a Criminologist” Series

### New Policing Technologies: What Are the Impacts to Public Safety and Civil Liberties?

*Featuring CJRA Chair Dr. Nancy La Vigne (Urban Institute), Dr. Cynthia Lum (George Mason University), Dr. Eric Piza (John Jay College) & Eddie Reyes (Police Foundation)*

**Wednesday, June 21 at 3:00 PM**  
**2237 Rayburn House Office Building**  
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Please join the [Crime & Justice Research Alliance \(CJRA\)](#) and the [Consortium of Social Science Associations \(COSSA\)](#) for our second “Ask a Criminologist” Congressional briefing with leading criminology experts from around the country exploring the most important topics in crime, justice, policing and national security. These briefings provide an opportunity for Congressional staff and key stakeholders to engage directly with the experts conducting research on a range of public safety and justice system topics.

This interactive Congressional briefing features criminologist experts who will provide an overview of research on the latest technologies police are using throughout the United States, some of the emerging pitfalls and barriers to the use of these capabilities, and how these tools impact strategies for public safety. The expert panel will discuss what’s known – and what remains unknown – about the costs to taxpayers, public safety, and civil liberties as police invest in these technologies, including body worn cameras, video analytics, and gunshot detection technology.

**Dr. Nancy La Vigne**, the Chair of CJRA and Director of the Justice Policy Center at the Urban Institute, will moderate the panel with **Dr. Cynthia Lum**, Professor in the Department of Criminology, Law and Society and Director of its Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy at George Mason University, **Dr. Eric Piza**, Associate Professor, John Jay College, and **Eddie Reyes**, Senior Law Enforcement Project Manager, the Police Foundation.

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**About COSSA:** *The Consortium of Social Science Associations is a nonprofit advocacy organization working to promote sustainable federal funding for social and behavioral science research and federal policies that positively impact the conduct of research. COSSA serves as a united voice for a broad, diverse network of organizations, institutions, communities and stakeholders who care about a successful and vibrant social science research enterprise.*