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CLEAR Annual Training Conference to be Held In-Person in Partnership with FLEPRU

ORLANDO, Fla. (May 3, 2021) – Today the Coalition of Law Enforcement and Retail (CLEAR) has announced its 2021 annual training conference, which will be held in-person in Orlando, Florida November 16-18, 2021. The conference, said to be the “National Comeback Conference” after a year of virtual networking will be a two-and-a-half day event surrounding the powerful work being done by Law Enforcement Agencies, National Retail Chains and Solution Providers to overcome the significant challenges from 2020 and position investigative teams for the future.

The premier event of the year, held at The Rosen Plaza International Drive, will include national discussions on Real-Time Crime Centers, ORC & Ecommerce Investigations, newly-formed ORC Federal and State Task Forces, New Techniques in Intelligence Collection — Interview & Interrogation, Robbery and Violent Crime Prevention.

“This conference is about providing new resources and information to position corporations and police agencies to tackle critical objectives around retail crime on a national level,” said CLEAR President Ben Dugan. “It’s about the public and private sectors moving forward together.”

The in-person conference announcement comes in partnership with Florida Law Enforcement Property Recovery Unit (FLEPRU), a non-profit corporation divided into five sectors — Burglary, Auto Theft, Organized Retail Crime, Robbery, and Fraud.

“FLEPRU and the CLEAR Board of Directors began discussing the idea of holding a joint conference, and I am pleased to announce these discussions have now turned into a reality, creating undoubtedly the premier law enforcement and retail conference of the year,” said Sargent Rich Rossman of the Broward County Sheriff’s Office. “Both the FLEPRU and CLEAR conferences continue to grow exponentially year after year, due to our receptiveness to our

members needs, and our Board of Directors' ability to adapt and deliver a conference with the most relevant and current trends impacting our professions.”

CLEAR's previous annual training conference, held in San Diego in October of 2019, was the organization's largest attended in its ten-year history. For the first time since its creation, CLEAR announced the cancellation of last year's annual training conference due to national concerns regarding the COVID-19 public health crisis. The decision was made as several members fought on the front lines against the virus.

CLEAR and FLEPRU look forward to welcoming in-person attendees in Orlando this fall.

About C.L.E.A.R.

The Coalition of Law Enforcement and Retail (CLEAR) is a non-profit, non-partisan national association founded in November 2008 by a group of Law Enforcement and Retail Loss Prevention professionals that saw the need for the formation of a partnership. The Coalition provides a forum for public and private sector members, with experience in a wide variety of public safety initiatives, to aid and support the establishment of collaborative efforts that are focused on improving the safety of our communities and advancing the profession of its membership. For more information, please visit clearusa.org.

About FLEPRU

Florida Law Enforcement Property Recovery Unit (FLEPRU) is a non-profit law enforcement organization focusing on investigations including, Organized Retail Crime (ORC) investigations, auto/marine investigations, social media investigations, economic/cybercrimes investigations, robbery investigations, interviewing & interrogation methods, and topics dealing with the mental health and wellbeing of those within our professions. FLEPRU membership is open to all law enforcement agencies and personnel; along with approved non-law enforcement investigators, such as retailers, the insurance industry, and various other public and private partnerships. For more information, please visit flepru.org.

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