

## **Never Forget the Moment Trump Encouraged Police Brutality**

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<u>President Donald Trump's</u> <u>statement</u> that police should not be "too nice" while transporting suspects drew laughter and cheers from a crowd of officers Friday, but police officials swiftly made it clear that they did not find the words amusing.

The <u>Suffolk County Police Department</u> said in a statement after Trump's speech that it has strict rules and procedures about how prisoners should be handled.

But it didn't stop in NY.

But he had never before, as president, given his blessing to the casual injuring of criminal suspects.

"Causing intentional injury to a handcuffed suspect is not only against police procedure, but is a federal crime for which police officers have been sent to prison", <u>said Jonathan Blanks</u>, managing editor of the <u>National Police Misconduct Reporting Project</u> at the libertarian Cato Institute.

The former chief of the Suffolk County Police Department, James Burke, was <u>sentenced</u> to almost four years in prison last November for beating a handcuffed man in an interrogation room.

He described the precautions typically taken by police where they place a hand over a suspect's head while they're being put into a police vehicle to protect them.

"When you see these thugs thrown into the back of a paddy wagon".

MS-13, whose formal name is La <u>Mara Salvatrucha</u>, formed decades ago among Salvadoran immigrants in Los Angeles and has since built a criminal network that spans across the US.

So when US President <u>Donald Trump</u> told a group of law enforcement officials on Friday that they needn't "be too nice" in making arrests, he might have thought he was playing masterfully to the crowd.

"Like when you guys put somebody in the auto and you're protecting their head".

- Jeffrey Wright (@jfreewright)The 700th person was just killed by American police in 2017.

President **Donald Trump** on July 28 reportedly advocated police violence against suspects in custody. Goff also said that he has spoken to police chiefs and officers who are "disgusted" by "the president's statements — and the <u>applause</u>" it received.

<u>Numerous</u> police in attendance laughed and applauded. Trump's trip to Long Island gives the president an opportunity to showcase some progress on his agenda even as other legislative efforts flounder - and some respite from the chaos of a nasty power struggle among his senior staff that blew up on Thursday. "I said please don't be too nice", Trump said as the cops whooped and cheered. GPD rejects these remarks and continues to serve with respect, ' read the department's <u>tweet</u>.

A <u>NYPD</u> spokesman told <u>HuffPost</u> that no one in their department did not attend Trump's speech on Friday. "As a police department we are committed to helping people, not harming them". "And we're backing you 100 percent".