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**The Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute announces new leadership and executive board of the Caruth Police Institute**

*Communities Foundation of Texas awarded a grant to the Meadows Institute to operate the Caruth Police Institute to continue to advance public safety innovation in North Texas and across the country*



Pictured from left: Chief Tarrick McGuire, Scott Donaldson, B.J. Wagner, Chief Sheryl Victorian, and Chief Derick Miller

DALLAS – The Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute announced today that it would begin operating [the Caruth Police Institute \(CPI\)](#) and named a new director and members of the executive board.

Scott Donaldson, vice president of CPI, will serve as its director, and Tarrick McGuire, the chief of the Alexandria, Virginia, police department, will serve as the president of the executive board. CPI's [executive board](#) features experts from across the country who are committed to ensuring that CPI remains a leader in modern police training and developing positive relationships between police departments and the community.

[Communities Foundation of Texas](#) awarded a grant to allow the Meadows Institute to operate CPI, which will continue to serve Dallas and North Texas while expanding its impact across Texas and the rest of the country.

CPI is the nation's premier resource for advancing public safety leadership, innovation, and officer wellness and provides consulting, technical assistance, and training to departments and municipal governments across Texas and the nation. It was founded in 2008 and had been previously run by the University of North Texas at Dallas.

"The Caruth Police Institute is grateful to Communities Foundation of Texas for its transformative gift to allow the Meadows Institute to operate CPI," said Donaldson. "I am honored to lead CPI and ensure that our partnership with police departments and municipal governments promotes public safety and builds strong connections between officers and the communities they serve."

CPI is a leading voice for advancing public safety innovation and excellence. It provides technical assistance that supports agencies with data analysis, policy development, and operational implementation to strengthen community safety and officer wellness. It also offers a wide range of ongoing training and education programs for officers, civilian leadership, and public safety executive leaders. These programs address crucial needs in the law enforcement community, such as mental health response and crime-reduction strategies.

"Communities Foundation of Texas is committed to investing in public safety as we seek to build a thriving community for all," said Wayne White, the president and CEO of Communities Foundation of Texas. "The Caruth Police Institute has long served as a leading voice here in North Texas and across the state and nation for innovative efforts that support both officers and residents. A safer community is a stronger community, and increasing safety includes investing in training, education, and implementing best practices. This investment allows the Meadows Institute to further public safety innovation forward in a bold way."

The Meadows Institute's operation of CPI signals a growing prioritization of strengthening the mental health and wellness of officers and improving the relationships between police departments and the communities they serve.

“I’ve had the privilege of serving as an instructor with the Caruth Police Institute, and I’ve seen firsthand the impact CPI has when we invest early in developing thoughtful, ethical leaders long before they ever step into command staff roles,” said Chief McGuire. “Policing today demands more from our people at every level, and that preparation cannot wait until someone earns rank. I’m excited and honored to serve as president of the CPI executive board and to help advance CPI’s mission of shaping the next generation of public safety leaders across the country.”

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### **About the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute**

Independent and nonpartisan, the Meadows Institute works at the intersection of policy and programs to create equitable systemic changes so all people in Texas, the nation, and the world can obtain the health care they need. The Meadows Institute provides state and national leaders with trusted data-driven policy and program guidance and works to shift the focus of new investments toward early intervention for children and families and address the mental health crisis in our jails and emergency rooms. By advancing improvements in critical areas such as trauma and grief, the expansion of the mental health workforce, health equity, and innovation, we are leading the effort to help all people with mental health needs recover and be well. Learn more at <https://mmhpi.org>.

### **About Communities Foundation of Texas**

The mission of Communities Foundation of Texas (CFT) is to improve the lives of all people in our community by investing in their health, wealth, living, and learning. With a vision of building thriving communities for all, CFT works locally and across the state with many individuals, families, companies, foundations, and nonprofits through a variety of charitable funds and strategic grantmaking initiatives. CFT professionally manages more than 1,400 charitable funds and has awarded more than \$3 billion in grants since its founding in 1953. Communities Foundation is committed to serving and understanding donor needs, expertly handling complex gifts, wisely managing charitable funds, and leveraging its community knowledge to increase charitable impact, in addition to powering several initiatives including the W. W. Caruth, Jr. Fund at CFT, CFT’s Center for Business Impact, Educate Texas at CFT, GiveWisely, and CFT’s North Texas Giving Day. CFT’s North Texas Giving Day raised \$78 million in 2025 to help over 3,500 North Texas nonprofits. Learn more at [CFTexas.org](http://CFTexas.org).