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## **Paul DelPonte**

**Executive Director & CEO** 

Paul DelPonte heads the National Crime Prevention Council, where he works with McGruff the Crime Dog® and a talented team of professionals and volunteers to tackle 21st century crimes. Under his leadership, McGruff sports a 3D look in new public service announcements on television, streaming services, and in an award-winning social media effort. With NCPC's new initiatives to combat violent crime and to stop online crimes, he works to build bridges between the community and law enforcement. A key area of focus is reducing consumer acceptance of counterfeit products, whose profits can fuel global criminal enterprises. He is a leading advocate for ending the fentanyl crisis and alerting the public to the dangerous sale of fake pills.

As an accomplished strategic consultant, DelPonte guided communications and public policy for a range of nonprofit organizations, foundations, and corporations. His work has led to major increases in medical research funding, improvements to services for older Americans, and boosting food and nutrition programs. In 2015, he had his own "McGruff Moment," when he came forward as a whistleblower to stop theft and fraud in a federal job training program for seniors and veterans, and one of only a handful to receive full federal protection for his efforts. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from The Catholic University of America and was a graduate fellow at Harvard University examining community improvements to reduce prison recidivism.

To learn more about how everyone can Take A Bite Out of Crime<sup>®</sup> visit our websites: <a href="ncpc.org">ncpc.org</a>, <a href="McGruff.org">McGruff.org</a>, and <a href="LivesProject.org">LivesProject.org</a>.