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## **ATTORNEY GENERAL LORETTA E. LYNCH TO DELIVER REMARKS AT VIOLENCE REDUCTION NETWORK FALL SUMMIT OPENING CEREMONY**

WASHINGTON – Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch will deliver opening remarks on the Violence Reduction Network (VRN) and the Justice Department’s work to address violent crime at the VRN Summit in Little Rock, Arkansas, on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, AT 8:30 A.M. CDT**. Assistant Attorney General Karol V. Mason of the Justice Department’s Office of Justice Programs and U.S. Attorney Christopher R. Thyer of the Eastern District of Arkansas will also participate in the VRN Summit.

### **Background on the Violence Reduction Network (VRN):**

The VRN, launched in 2014, is an effort through the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and Bureau of Justice Assistance to leverage lessons learned, existing government resources, and an all-hands approach to deliver strategic, intensive training and technical assistance to reduce violence. The VRN is specifically designed to complement existing local antiviolence efforts. The sites considered for VRN have violence levels that exceed national averages. They also represent jurisdictions with unique law enforcement and local government structures, enabling implementation and assessment of VRN in distinctly different organizational contexts to help the department create a model for delivery of training and technical assistance.

**WHAT:** The Justice Department’s 2016 Violence Reduction Network Summit

**WHO:** Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch  
Assistant Attorney General Karol V. Mason of the Office of Justice Programs  
U.S. Attorney Christopher R. Thyer of the Eastern District of Arkansas

**WHEN:** MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016  
8:30 a.m. CDT

**WHERE:** Statehouse Convention Center  
3rd Floor, Wally Allen Ballroom D  
1 Statehouse Plaza  
Little Rock, AR 72201  
**OPEN PRESS** (Media Access: 7:30 a.m. CDT / Preset By: 8:15 a.m.  
CDT)

**NOTE: The summit's opening session is open to the media.** All media must present government-issued photo I.D. (such as a driver's license) as well as valid media credentials. Please note that media may begin arriving [at 7:30 a.m. CDT](#), and all cameras must be pre-set by [8:15 a.m.](#) For inquiries related to on-site media logistics, contact [Joan.LaRocca2@usdoj.gov](mailto:Joan.LaRocca2@usdoj.gov) or [202-307-6873](tel:202-307-6873)

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