



# NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERSHIP TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES



The following principles reflect the shared commitment of the below listed U.S. law enforcement leadership organizations to address the pervasive nature of gun violence and its horrific impact on communities across America.



1. The level of gun violence in the United States, specifically firearm-related injuries and deaths including homicides, suicides, and accidental shootings, is unacceptable and demands immediate attention.



2. As law enforcement organizations, we believe the level and lethality of gun violence directed at police officers requires an organized and aggressive response from policy makers at the federal, state, and local levels.



3. Elected officials must commit to closing gaps in the current regulatory system, including those that enable felons, minors, persons with mental illness, and other prohibited persons to access firearms, and those that allow the trafficking of illegal guns.



4. Law enforcement plays a central and critical role in preventing gun violence and solving crime. Effective strategies for the strict enforcement of laws concerning the illegal possession, trafficking, and criminal use of firearms are vital, and need to be supported by data, research, technology, training, and best practices.



5. Because the public's health and safety depends on the efforts of law enforcement, agencies must have resources sufficient to prioritize the protection of officers and communities against illegal guns and firearm violence.



6. The crisis of gun violence in our country necessitates a sustained, coordinated, and collaborative effort involving citizens, elected officials, law enforcement, and the entire criminal justice system.

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**Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association**  
**International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators**

**International Association of Chiefs of Police**

**Major Cities Chiefs Association**

**National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives**

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## **Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.**

[www.calea.org](http://www.calea.org)

CALEA's mission is to provide a credentialing service through the use of professionally recognized standards for law enforcement agencies, public safety communication centers, and public safety training academies. Agencies participate in a voluntary accreditation process demonstrating excellence in management and service delivery. **Contact: Syl Daughtry (703) 352-4225**

## **Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association**

[www.hapcoa.org](http://www.hapcoa.org)

The mission of HAPCOA is to empower the future of law enforcement by assisting law enforcement, criminal justice and community organizations nationwide in their efforts to recruit, train, and promote qualified Hispanic American men and women. HAPCOA also seeks to promote and develop Hispanics in law enforcement and to serve as and advocate for Hispanic law enforcement issues. **Contact: Leeroy Villareal (210) 641-1305**

## **International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators**

[www.iaclea.org](http://www.iaclea.org)

IACLEA's mission is to advance public safety for educational institutions by providing educational resources, advocacy and professional development. **Contact: Chief Michael Webster (410) 857-2202**

## **International Association of Chiefs of Police**

[www.theiacp.org](http://www.theiacp.org)

The IACP mission is to advance professional police services; promote enhanced administrative, technical, and operational police practices; foster cooperation and the exchange of information and experience among police leaders and police organizations of recognized professional and technical standing throughout the world. **Contact: Nancy Turner (703) 836-6767**

## **Major Cities Chiefs Association**

[www.majorcitieschiefs.org](http://www.majorcitieschiefs.org)

The mission of the Major Cities Chiefs Association is to provide a unique forum for urban police, sheriffs and other law enforcement chief executives to discuss common problems and exchange crime-fighting strategies, as well as participate in executive training, research, and criminal justice policy development. **Contact: Chief James Johnson (410) 887-4925**

## **National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives**

[www.noblenatl.org](http://www.noblenatl.org)

*NOBLE's mission is to ensure equity in the administration of justice in the provision of public service to all communities and to serve as the conscience of law enforcement by being committed to justice by action.* **Contact Jessie Lee (703) 658-1529**

## **National Organization of Women Law Enforcement Executives**

[www.nawlee.org](http://www.nawlee.org)

NAWLEE's mission is to promote the ideals and principles of women executives in law enforcement; to conduct training seminars to train and educate women executives in enforcement including but not limited to the areas of leadership, management and administration; to provide a forum for the exchange of information concerning law enforcement and generally fostering effective law enforcement. **Contact: Chief Kathy Perez (240) 216-0401.**

## **National Sheriffs' Association**

[www.sheriffs.org](http://www.sheriffs.org)

NSA is a professional membership association whose mission is to serve the Office of Sheriff through education, training, and information resources. Chartered in 1940 and headquartered in Alexandria, VA, NSA represents the 3,083 sheriff's offices in the U.S. as well as other public safety professionals and concerned citizens nationwide. **Contact: Tim Woods (703) 836-7827**

## **Police Executive Research Forum**

[www.policeforum.org](http://www.policeforum.org)

PERF, with a membership of progressive police executives from the largest city, county, and state law enforcement agencies, is dedicated to improving policing and advancing professionalism through research and involvement in public policy debate. **Contact: Chris Koper (202) 466-7820**

## **Police Foundation**

[www.policefoundation.org](http://www.policefoundation.org)

The Police Foundation seeks to advance efficient, effective, and humane policing that operates within the framework of democratic principles and the highest ideals of the nation. To accomplish our mission, we work closely with law enforcement agencies and practitioners, government agencies, scholars, and policy makers to develop and evaluate innovative programs, strategies, training, and technology to address the full range of police administrative and operational concerns. **Contact: Mary Malina (202) 833-1460**