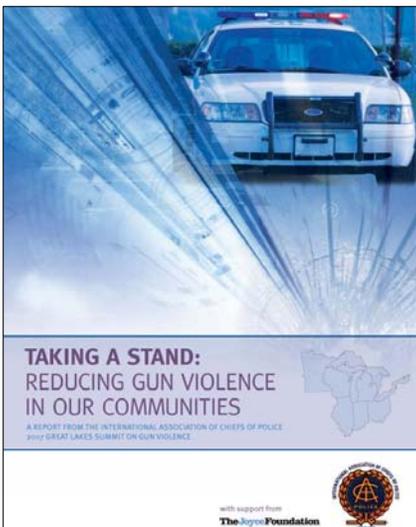


# Reducing Gun Violence In Your Community:

## A Planning Guide to Assess Local Needs and Implement Summit Recommendations



**TheJoyceFoundation**



The *Taking A Stand* report was the result of the 2007 *Great Lakes Summit on Gun Violence* held in Chicago. One of the most important insights that arose from the summit was the affirmation that law enforcement cannot fight the gun violence battle alone. Law enforcement leaders need community partners, citizens from each neighborhood, and elected officials alike to act in the public interest to reduce the escalating level of gun violence in America.

Considering the broad scope of the recommendations put forth in *Taking A Stand*, this ***Planning Guide*** is designed to help law enforcement agencies, their partners, leaders and executives assess their progress in the fight against gun violence and most importantly, identify those policy, program and legislative areas where more work is needed.

By using the ***Planning Guide***, you can determine your community's unique needs, and spotlight where goals are "Completed", "In Process" or "Needing Attention". The ***Planning Guide*** reflects the current status on goals involving the IACP and/or the Joyce Foundation. We encourage you to review and reflect on the goals addressing law enforcement agencies, their partners and leaders that aim to improve the way police respond to and investigate gun crimes, protect officers and protect communities from gun violence.

We hope this strategic ***Planning Guide*** will help you more fully understand the intent and objectives of our *Taking A Stand* report, and most importantly, help you implement the report's recommendations in your community!

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<b>I. Keeping Communities Safe</b>	<b>Status In Your Community</b>		
<b>Increase Public Awareness of the Impact of Gun Violence</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>In Process</b>	<b>Needs Attention</b>
1. The Joyce Foundation and the International Association of Chiefs of Police should develop research-based campaigns to educate policy makers and the public regarding the causes, costs, risks, and effects of gun violence, and strategies for preventing it.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Law enforcement agencies and their partners should work to identify and implement effective education and prevention programs focused on youth at risk of gun violence.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Law enforcement agencies and their partners should work to develop and implement education campaigns targeted at gun owners.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Engage Community Support in Reducing Gun Violence</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>In Process</b>	<b>Needs Attention</b>
4. Law enforcement leaders should devote resources and personnel to establishing and sustaining partnerships with community leaders to combat gun violence.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Congress should restore funding for Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS) to strengthen community / police partnerships for combating gun violence.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Reduce Easy Access to Guns</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>In Process</b>	<b>Needs Attention</b>
6. IACP should develop a best practices protocol for voluntary gun surrender programs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Law enforcement executives should develop and implement policies to ensure the secure storage of guns temporarily in the department's possession. Procedures including a criminal background check for returning firearms and for third party transfers should also be implemented.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Law enforcement agencies should mandate destruction of all firearms that come into their possession once any law enforcement use for them is completed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Congress, as well as state, local and tribal governments should enact laws requiring that all gun sales and transfers proceed through a Federal Firearms License (FFL), thus ensuring that a mandatory background check will be conducted on the transferee.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. State and / or local governments should license all gun dealers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. State and local governments should regulate and / or limit the sale of multiple handguns as a measure to reduce gun trafficking.

<b>Protecting Children and Youth from Gun Violence</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>In Process</b>	<b>Needs Attention</b>
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12. State and local governments should mandate that a ballistic fingerprint is recorded for every gun sold.

13. State, local and tribal governments should mandate that every gun sold comes with a lock or security device that meets minimum safety standards to help protect against accidental discharge and misuse.

14. State, local and tribal governments should mandate safe storage of guns, provide voluntary off-site storage facilities, and prosecute those who fail to comply with safe storage laws.

<b>Remove Guns from Domestic Violence Situations</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>In Process</b>	<b>Needs Attention</b>
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15. All states should have laws that reinforce the federal laws prohibiting domestic violence misdemeanants and the subjects of domestic violence protection orders from purchasing or possessing firearms. The state laws should mandate that law enforcement remove all firearms and ammunition when responding to domestic violence incidents and when serving a domestic violence protective order. These important state and federal laws should be vigorously enforced by judges and law enforcement.

<b>Prohibit Gun Possession by At-Risk Individuals</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>In Process</b>	<b>Needs Attention</b>
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16. Federal, state, local and tribal governments should enact laws prohibiting persons with misdemeanor convictions involving violence, qualifying mental health adjudications and commitments, or a history of domestic violence and/or drug abuse from purchasing, possessing and transporting any guns or ammunition. These laws should be consistently and vigorously enforced.

17. Law enforcement executives should create policies and protocols on the appropriate removal and seizure of firearms from prohibited persons and ensure that necessary training is provided.

<b>Focus on Suicide Prevention</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>In Process</b>	<b>Needs Attention</b>
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18. The CDC should work with law enforcement executives to standardize investigations into all violent deaths, including suicide, to improve the quality and comprehensiveness of National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) data.

19. The philanthropic and public sectors should support the development, distribution and evaluation of curricula for healthcare providers, law enforcement and mental health providers regarding their role in reducing suicidal individuals' access to firearms.

20. The IACP should develop a set of recommended best practices for preventing suicide by law enforcement officers.

**II. Preventing and Solving Gun Crime**

**Status in Your Community**

**Stopping the Flow of Illegal Guns**

**Completed**

**In Process**

**Needs Attention**

21. Congress should restore funding for the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program for state, local and tribal agencies to investigate and prosecute cases of gun trafficking and gun violence.

22. The federal government should increase funding to ATF for personnel and technical assistance to combat gun violence.

23. Law enforcement agencies should increase investments in technologies and strategies that facilitate intelligence-led investigations.

24. Congress should repeal the Tiahrt Amendment, which restricts the sharing of gun trace data.

25. State and local governments should mandate the reporting of lost and stolen firearms, and federal law in this area should be tightened.

**Increase Resources for Information Sharing Between Jurisdictions**

**Completed**

**In Process**

**Needs Attention**

26. Congress should fully fund the National Violent Death Reporting System, and it should be implemented in all 50 states.

27. Congress should fund the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) and law enforcement agencies should use it consistently; it should also be funded to become integrated nationwide.

28. Law enforcement leaders should provide, and public and private funding should support, training for law enforcement agencies to use the necessary tools to investigate, share information about, and prosecute incidents of gun violence and illegal gun trafficking.

29. State, local and tribal agencies should forge partnerships with federal law enforcement, the U.S. Attorney's Office, researchers, and other relevant organizations and individuals to investigate and prosecute incidents of gun violence and patterns of illegal gun trafficking.

Dealing with Gun Crime Incidents	Completed	In Process	Needs Attention
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30. Every law enforcement agency should use E-Trace, ensure that officers know how to properly recover and process crime guns and make sure that officers trace all firearms recovered.

31. Law enforcement agencies should make sure that officers know how to debrief individuals involved in incidents of gun violence or arrested in possession of a gun.

III. Keeping Police Officers Safe	Status in Your Community		
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Reduce the Availability and Lethality of Firearms to Criminals	Completed	In Process	Needs Attention
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32. Congress should enact legislation to allow federal health and safety oversight of the firearms industry.

33. Congress should enact an effective ban on military-style assault weapons.

34. Congress should enact an effective ban on .50 caliber sniper rifles.

35. Congress should enact an effective ban on armor-piercing handgun ammunition.

Provide Officers with the Most Advanced Firearm Protective Technologies and Information	Completed	In Process	Needs Attention
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36. Local law enforcement agencies, policy makers and the federal government should increase investments in protective technologies that improve officer safety.

Train Officers to Be Experts in Handling Guns and Situations Involving Guns	Completed	In Process	Needs Attention
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37. State, local and tribal law enforcement agencies should establish agency standards for law enforcement officer firearm certification.

38. Local law enforcement agencies should continue to enhance and promote training in less lethal tactics and officer safety for all officers.

Provide Access to Mental Health Support and Training	Completed	In Process	Needs Attention
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39. Local law enforcement agencies should require training for officers to reduce stress and post-incident trauma.