# Taking A Stand



# **The Joyce Foundation**

During the summer of 2008 the IACP/Joyce Foundation *Taking A Stand* gun violence initiative is being rolled out in both cities and states across the U.S. Project work includes both local jurisdiction as well as statewide planning. Target states include Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and Illinois. Target Cities include Chicago, Milwaukee, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. Each pilot implementation is being designed to meet the needs of the state or city and will include initiation, outreach, implementation and ultimately evaluation of *Taking A Stand* recommendations. IACP staff support will be provided to each jurisdiction.

## City of Milwaukee

Chief Ed Flynn has agreed to take the lead on implementing the *Taking A Stand* initiative in the city of Milwaukee. Milwaukee Police Department will partner with the Joyce Foundation, IACP and other local partners to make the City of Milwaukee one of the first pilot cities to validate the effectiveness of the 39 recommendations from the Joyce / IACP summit on gun violence. IACP staff will provide direct, on site support to this pilot effort and continuing support as needed. The Milwaukee 'model' will then be rolled out to other cities across the state.

#### Pennsylvania

This statewide initiative is headed by the Pennsylvania State Police with a focus on Philadelphia and Pittsburgh and with a concentrated effort in other small, medium and large police departments throughout the state. IACP staff will provide the resources to convene law enforcement leaders to begin implementation of selected, relevant recommendations. The Pennsylvania State Police will create opportunities to partner with other local and statewide gun violence reduction initiatives. IACP staff will provide direct, on site support to this effort and continuing support as needed.

#### Illinois

Newly installed Superintendent Jody Weiss has agreed to support a city-wide implementation strategy with the Chicago Police Department in the lead. CPD will partner with additional local and statewide gun violence reduction leaders, and it's hoped that like Milwaukee, the Chicago model will spread to numerous other Illinois cities.

### **Professional Organization Outreach**

- National Sheriff's Association
- National Association of Women Law Enforcement Leaders
- Mayors Against Illegal Guns
- State Associations of Chiefs of Police
- National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives