

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FIREARMS

- 1. Rule of Law.** Our nation's Sheriffs recognize the rule of law in the United States in which the Supreme Court and lower courts are the ultimate authority in determining the constitutionality of any law.
- 2. Second Amendment.** Our nation's Sheriffs support and are sworn to uphold the constitution and the Bill of Rights, including the Second Amendment.
- 3. Comprehensive approach.** Gun control alone will not solve the problem of guns and extreme violence. Society needs a thoughtful and comprehensive approach to this many faceted issue.
- 4. Records Access.** Law enforcement must have access to relevant records to determine whether a person is legally prohibited from possession of firearms by major improvements in the National Instant Check System.
- 5. Mental Health Records.** Law Enforcement must have access to mental health records for accurate background checks, for responding to 911 calls and for responding to those who suffer from mental illness.
- 6. Mental Health Treatment.** There must be great expansion of treatment resources for those that experience mental illness. We have an epidemic of untreated mental illness across the country, and there is a strong link between untreated mental illness and the increased risk of committing violent acts.
- 7. Vigorous Prosecution.** The nation's Sheriffs support the vigorous prosecution of those who violate existing gun laws, including enhanced sentences.
- 8. Gun Safety Incentives.** The nation's Sheriffs support enhanced firearms safety efforts including incentives to promote both safe and secure storage and use of firearms.
- 9. Training.** The nation's Sheriffs enhanced training, best practices policies and procedures and adequate resources for law enforcement, schools and those who operate other public facilities, to address active shooters and other safety threats.
- 10. Culture of Violence.** The nation's Sheriffs recognize the culture of violence on the internet, on television, in movies, and especially violent videogames, have a negative influence on our nation's youth.
- 11. Schools.** The nation's Sheriffs are committed to protecting our children in their neighborhoods and in school facilities.