

- **I'd like to thank the Crime Commission for the Invitation to speak here today.**

- As the leader of the country's oldest law enforcement agency, often referred to as, "the Nation's Police Force", I believe, what is done at the local levels, within our communities, strengthens the core of our country.

- Focusing our efforts together at the community level on crime reduction creates a synergy that protects our children and citizens from those who do not respect the line between decency and lawlessness.

- There are many areas we share responsibility in.

- Today I have chosen four discussion topics that I believe directly link to your community and the work you do:
 - Violent fugitive initiatives
 - Sex offender initiatives
 - Seizure of criminal assets
 - Protecting our law enforcement officers

- First, I'd like to take just a moment to frame the work the US Marshals perform
- We are responsible for the protection of 2,000 federal judges / in over 450 court facilities and 5,000 US Attorneys and Assistant US Attorneys
- We have relocated and protect over 18,000 witnesses and family members
- Apprehended thousands of fugitives and sex offenders through our District and Regional Task Forces with leveraging our capabilities in Electronic Surveillance tracking techniques
- We seize and manage almost 4 billion dollars worth of assets acquired through illegal activities
- We manage, and put to bed every night, 63,000 prisoners in over 1,000 jails across the nation awaiting court proceedings

- The USMS moves approximately 150,000 inmates annually for the Department of Justice through our Justice Prisoner Transportation System, or what many of you know as, ‘Con Air’
- Historically, we have responded to our country’s Civil Disturbances dating back to the pre civil war days, through de segregation, busing, riots, abortion clinic bombings and well into 9/11.
- We assist Department of Justice efforts in establishing the rule of law in under-developed countries.
- And perform hundreds of extraditions of international fugitives annually.
- We have several connections into the community, but one of the strongest ties is through our law enforcement task forces.
- **In fact our success is greatly due to the collaboration and work we do** with local police departments across the country.

- In the last decade, as a nation, we have redefined many roles of federal law enforcement and how they interface with local law enforcement in an effort to further combat crime and terrorism threats the nation faces.
- The President's Protection Act of 2000 directed the Attorney General to increase the USMS task force capabilities, giving us the ability to expand our domestic investigative operations and stand up Regional Task Forces in addition to our District task forces.
- We operate over 83 District task forces and 7 Regional task Forces with Deputy US Marshals and approx. 1700 sworn Task Force Officers from state and local law enforcement agencies. Their focus is the apprehension of "the worst of the worst". Their results staggering, 125,000 fugitives off the streets in 2011.
- The task forces enable us to address violent crime in several areas

- Our goal is to be an asset to local law enforcement by bringing in our broad law enforcement authority, which allows us to operate across state lines and with immediate connectivity internationally, which is critical in today's environment.
- We have built a strong tracking capability and leverage funding programs through the Asset Forfeiture Program which allows the reinvestment of seized assets to local law enforcement efforts to further criminal investigations. We'll talk more about that later in the program.
- The USMS works together with our local law enforcement partners to define initiatives that strategically target the violent criminal element that pose the greater risk to the community.
- Whether working collaboratively on fugitives involved in large complex criminal organizations or dealing with wanted gang members that are a part of "local crews"

- The methodology of the task force is to establish violent crime interdiction initiatives and task force led warrant round-ups designed for high volume rapid arrests, often referred to as “sweeps”.
- Through these initiatives, RFTF personnel focus on the wanted fugitive felons, violent and non-compliant sex offenders, gang members and narcotics traffickers.
- My remarks are very different here compared to other cities.
- NYC has reduced crime significantly - It has great capabilities.
- But let’s face it. Criminals are opportunists, they turn to new areas and threaten other communities.
- Recently, Communities in depressed areas that are suffering from bad economic times are being invaded by the drugs, gangs and guns.

- These communities don't have the same capabilities that larger city's have and are looking to learn best practices from places like New York City.
- We use our NY / NJ Regional Task Force as the gold standard.
- The NY NJ Regional Task Force was created in 2002 and was one of the first USMS RFTFs formed.
- The NY/NJ RFTF is comprised of over 90 federal, state and local agencies in 13 locations across the state of NY and NJ.
- In the NYC division, the investigators are broken into ten fully integrated teams assigned to cover the 5 boroughs

teams are made up of investigators from different agencies that work together each day as true partners, affording the bonds needed for effective collaboration and information sharing.

- Part of the great success of the NY/NJ RFTF is that it is co-located with the HIDTA Regional Intelligence Center and provides immediate access to countless sources of valuable information to assist in quickly locating and apprehending fugitives.
- I love the comment made by our Commander of the Task Force as we walked through the site “Any information you need to arrest a fugitive can be found in this building.”
- There are literally hundreds of investigators and analysts connected across the city and country able to pull together anything you need within moments.
- You see, Speed of information, and reacting to it quickly, is at the center of success in apprehending violent fugitives.
- Our strategy is for the Regional Task Force to focus on violent crime by assisting federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies with the capabilities to locate fugitives nationally and even internationally.

- In 2011, 148 arrests were made outside of the state and a total of 814 warrants were cleared by the NY/NJ RFTF, including 200 for Homicide, 369 for Weapons charges, and 667 for Sex Assault / Sex Offenses. The TF averaged over 130 arrests a week and include the arrest of 569 known gang members for various charges and the seizure of approximately 100 firearms.
- During 2011 the NY/NJ RFTF participated in several Sex Offender Operations resulting in hundreds of sex offender compliance checks and the arrest of non-compliant sex offenders.
- For example: Russell Mann - Arrested 9/16/2011 - Charges: Failure to Register as a sex Offender by the Essex County SO and NYPD for Rape. Over the last 30 years Mann was charged with at least 5 separate forcible rapes, including a 1994 conviction for the gun-point home invasion and sexual assault of a women in NJ.

During the rape Mann forced the woman to hold onto her 2-month-old child while the rape was being committed.

- These are the individuals we are committed to pursue. After all, the number one priority of any community — indeed, of any human being—is the safety of our children.
- There are an estimated 600,000 registered sex offenders in the United States with approximately 100,000 whose whereabouts are unknown.
- Under the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, the U.S. Marshals Service became responsible for:
 - Assisting state and local, authorities in the location and apprehension of noncompliant sex offenders
 - Investigating violations of the criminal provisions of the Adam Walsh Act
 - Identifying and locating sex offenders displaced as a result of a major disaster
- In the past 5 years, since being granted authority under the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, the

US Marshals Service, with our local law enforcement partners has:

- Conducted more than 600 sex offender operations
 - Arrested more than 45,000 non-compliant sex offenders
 - Rescued 345 missing children in partnership with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.
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- In FY 2011, the USMS with our local partnerships in NYC, arrested 185 sex offenders. These numbers represent convicted sex offenders, with criminal histories, and prior crimes of violence. No first-timers. They are professional criminals that are now off the streets of NY.
 - It seems like a tremendous amount of progress, and it is.
 - It's just that our work is never done. Remember 1 in every 6 sex offenders are unregistered and their whereabouts are unknown. That means they are successfully flying under the radar in our communities and are probably targeting new victims.

- Therefore we must be diligent in our joint efforts.
- As community leaders, you often play a vital role in developing programs to educate the public.
- If you do create opportunities to increase the awareness and educate the public on the Adam Walsh Act, the USMS is committed to helping
- Additionally we want to get out to law enforcement officers information about Our National Sex Offender Targeting Center that we have established.
- The Marshals Targeting Center is an interagency intelligence and operations center that supports the identification, investigation, location, apprehension and prosecution of noncompliant, unregistered fugitive sex offenders.
- The center collaborates with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to support all levels of law enforcement in pursuing unregistered and noncompliant sex offenders.

- Analysts conduct behavioral assessments and provide psychological insights into the minds of suspects and offenders

to assist Marshals investigators and outside law enforcement with cold case reviews, including solved or unsolved homicides in which the murder appears to be sexually motivated.

- So again, if this is an area that you are involved with, and are interested, you can visit our website or reach out to your local Marshals Office. We have both the Southern District and Eastern District Marshals with us today.
- Another area that is important for the communities is the Asset Forfeiture Program.
- **Each year the Director of the Marshal Service has the privilege to recognize the hard work of fellow law enforcement agencies by providing / proceeds /recovered from criminal activity through the Asset Forfeiture Program.**

- **This is the direct result of the work of many case agents across law enforcement working with US Attorney offices to identify assets that can be seized during the course of their investigation and prosecution.**

- **The Comprehensive Crime Control Act, which defined Asset forfeiture as we know it today, was created with three specific goals:**
 - **To disrupt organized criminal** activity by seizing and dismantling the funds and property used to further criminal activity
 - **Remove the financial incentives of committing crimes for profit,**
 - **And most importantly,** to recapture funds / to reimburse victims of crimes / and to enhance law enforcement efforts through an equitable sharing program.

- **This year,** we'll distribute close to \$600 million to law enforcement agencies to reinvest in law enforcement efforts.

- **The Asset Forfeiture Program** remains one of the most powerful crime fighting tools ever utilized by the Department of Justice.
- **I would like to highlight an Asset Forfeiture program initiative that we are prioritizing across the country.**
- **Operation Goodwill, can be extremely valuable to communities**
- Operation Goodwill, administered by the USMS, provides the opportunity to transfer seized properties to benefit communities through state, local and non-profit organizations.
- The goals of the program are to strengthen relationships with LE and communities, rejuvenate communities instead of simply removing the criminal element, and demonstrate the consequence of illegal activity.
- To qualify or participate in the program properties must be used for

- Drug Abuse treatment programs, Drug and Crime Prevention education programs, Housing or Job skills programs, other approved community-based public health and safety programs.

- Properties also must be of limited or marginal value, or demonstrates that the community need outweighs financial recovery.
- If your department is working on an investigation which includes properties, and you know of needs that meet the requirements, I encourage you to reach out to your local US Marshals Asset Forfeiture Office for further information.
- This is a great way to enhance communities and provide the ability for needed public services that ultimately help us work towards reducing future criminal activity.
- **With all the incredible work that has been done to strengthen your communities we cannot forget the dangers it poses to those that are at the forefront of reducing crime.**
- **The law enforcement mission remains, and becomes, more dangerous everyday.**

- **However despite this danger**, the men and women in our organizations put themselves in harms way daily / **in order to protect others / that cannot // defend themselves / and ensure those / that have violated the law / are brought to Justice.**
- **For that reason we must remain committed, shrinking budgets or not,** to focus on reducing the risk to our law enforcement personnel in the streets.
- **Officer safety must** remain a priority of our personnel /
- **Our achievements this year are remarkable, but it came at a cost with the loss of 2 Deputy Marshals and 7 task force members.** All a result of “ambush style shootings”
- **With such a rise in National Shootings of law enforcement officers from January to June**, many were concerned – “Were we experiencing a shift in the criminal element/ or was the increase random?”

- **Either way,**
- **We set out to perform a comprehensive** assessment in order to identify and begin an aggressive approach to reducing the **risk to our personnel from the criminal behavior we were experiencing.**
- **We focused on policy procedures,** training equipment, organizational structures and a review of the criminal element “who’s shooting and why.
- **It resulted in many great outcomes** for enhancements to our agency and Task Force Offices.
- The findings were not necessarily anything many of us don’t already know, equipment and training are critical to officer survival.
- But what we did do as a result was significantly commit and prioritize a very focused and dedicated effort to officer safety

- procure enhanced equipment,
 - create greater assets for operational planning and threat analysis,
 - utilize funding from seized assets for our local law enforcement personnel to procure safety equipment
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- **Probably the one to highlight was a shift in our training, linking procedures, Equipment and criminal element threat situations to an advanced aggressive training curriculum.**

 - **Our focus was to create a training environment as close to real life situations involving police shootings today, ambushes from building entries, vehicles, open space arrests.**

 - **The predominant goal was to create as many shootings situations with simulated stress factors**

 - **Have the personnel make determinations on what equipment to use based on operational planning and the risk / whether it would be shields, ballistic blankets, helmets etc.. Should sonar be used**

- **Utilizing equipment to extract injured officers while still suppressing fire.**
- **SWAT style training for all our personnel and Task Force Officers.**
- **It is a long intense week**
- **We believe** by reinforcing safety and survival techniques with constant, repetitive,

ongoing training opportunities on non lethal and lethal weapons /

in simulated situations /

significantly reduces / the risk // and increases // the survival of our personnel and those that work with us.

- **We will not tolerate unreasonable attacks on our law enforcement personnel**

- **The fact remains / guns in the hands of repeat offenders,**
usually with substance abuse / or mental instability /
are the common denominators in law enforcement
killings.
- **We / must never waiver / in our commitment to
honor our fallen personnel**
- **to get the guns** out of the hands of repeat offenders
- I am committed to support the efforts of local law
enforcement and communities to reduce felons access
to guns, to support the efforts on the war against drugs.
- And continue to combat violent crimes together. On our
task forces.
- I thank the **Crime Commission for the continued
dedication to the success of law enforcement and
the protection of our communities.**
- **Thank you for your leadership on these efforts / It
is an honor to serve with you.**