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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Governor's Task Force on Violent Crime

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order creating the Governor's Task Force on Violent Crime.

I. PURPOSE

At a time when Colorado enjoys stable or even declining rates of criminal activity in several major categories, the incidents of violent crime remains unacceptably high in our State. This includes violent crimes committed by juveniles as well as adults involving the use of firearms and other weapons. The purpose of the Governor's Task Force on Violent Crime ("the Task Force") is to review existing laws and selected law-enforcement policies and practices in Colorado, and to develop recommendations to help combat violent crime in our State.

II. MISSION & SCOPE

The mission of the Task Force is to review existing laws, with emphasis on Colorado statutory law, as well as selected law-enforcement policies. This includes violent crimes committed by juveniles as well as adults involving the use of firearms or other weapons.

The Task Force will develop recommendations for possible legal and policy measures aimed at strengthening violent crime prevention and prosecution in Colorado, and present these findings to the Governor in a brief report for his consideration.

II. MEMBERSHIP

- A. The membership of the Task Force shall be limited to seven members as follows:
- The Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety or his designee.
 - An elected Colorado District Attorney or his or her designee.
 - An Assistant United States Attorney.
 - A representative from the Governor's Office.
 - An elected member of the Colorado General Assembly.
 - The Colorado Attorney General or his designee.
 - One current or retired Police Chief or Sheriff.
- B. All Task Force members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
- C. The Governor shall appoint a member of the Task Force to serve as Chair, who shall convene and preside over all Task Force meetings subject to rules and procedures as are customary and appropriate for such meetings.
- D. The Chair shall designate one of its members to serve as Director of the Task Force. The Director shall be chiefly responsible for staffing Task Force meetings, drawing upon available financial and in-kind resources of the Colorado Department of Public Safety and its Division of Criminal Justice as necessary and appropriate. The Director shall also be chiefly responsible for drafting the Task Force's report, subject to the final editorial control of the Co-Chairs.
- E. The Director and Chair shall be the sole spokespeople for the Task Force, unless otherwise directed by the Governor.

III. MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

At the discretion of the Chair, the Task Force may conduct such meetings and study sessions throughout Colorado with law enforcement officials and others as may be necessary to perform its obligations. This may include field visits and public meetings arranged by Task Force members, as well as briefing sessions to the Task Force conducted by local, State and Federal law enforcement officials and others. Additionally, the Chair may create such subcommittees of its membership as may be needed.

III. REPORT

The Task Force shall prepare a report to the Governor outlining the issues it has identified and summarizing its findings and recommendations. The final report of the Task Force shall be presented to the Governor on or before November 1, 2000, and shall thereafter be released to the public.

IV. SUNSET

Upon the completion of its public report on or before November 1, 2000, the Task Force shall automatically sunset unless extended in writing by the Governor.

GIVEN under my hand and
the Executive Seal of the State
of Colorado this 19th day of
June, 2000.

Bill Owens
Governor