



Firearms Violence Policy

Adopted by Membership Vote

The Major Cities Chiefs Association has been a strong advocate for sensible gun policy for many years and has taken positions on a wide range of issues.

Legislative Positions

- Reinstatement of the assault weapons ban and encourage stiffer penalties for illegal guns
- Ban high capacity magazines (10+ rounds)
- Ban internet ammo sales, require in-person transactions, records of sales and licensing of ammo vendors
- Oppose legislation that would require states to recognize any and all concealed carry permits
- Oppose legislation that further erodes ATF authority
- Prevent known terrorists from purchasing firearms
- Require unlicensed private dealers to do background checks at gun shows

Policy Statements

- Encourage aggressive federal prosecution of violent offenders using guns. Conviction in Federal Court generally results in stronger sanctions, removes the offenders from the streets and serves as a deterrent.
- Encourage mandatory reporting of all purchases, transfers and stolen firearms. This measure would assist law enforcement agencies with identification, criminal investigations and recovery of stolen firearms.
- Establish harsher penalties and aggressively prosecute straw purchasers, who are responsible for putting a substantial number of guns used in criminal acts. More aggressive prosecution with strong penalties would hold them accountable and act as a deterrent.

- Strengthen the national criminal instant background check system. The background check system does not have complete data at the current time. Mental health information, for example, is incomplete. The system needs to be improved.