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**Major County Sheriffs of America Statement on Horrific Attack at
Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School**

Today, our hearts break for the victims of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Broward County, Florida. There are no words to express how devastated we are at the loss of 17 innocent students and teachers - some who heroically acted to save lives and protect those near them during this vicious attack. Major County Sheriff Member Scott Israel and his agency are diligently working to bring closure and justice for the victims and their families, and the Major County Sheriffs of America offer our full support and resources to the Broward County Community and our fellow first responders at the Broward County Sheriff's Office.

We urge Americans to pay attention as they go about their daily activities. It is a somber reminder that citizens must be vigilant and proactive – if you see something or hear something, please say something. You are encouraged to report any suspicious activities to assist law enforcement in our mission to protect the communities for whom we so dearly care and strive to protect and serve.

We thank President Trump for his sincere and quick call to offer federal resources. Together, our nation mourns. Our deepest prayers are with the victims, families, and law enforcement as the investigation into this tragedy continues.

For official updates on this tragedy, monitor the Broward County Sheriff's Office Twitter account @browardsheriff.

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