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Sheriffs Commend Justice's Action on School Safety and Gun Law Enforcement

On Monday, the Department of Justice announced several actions to immediately help secure our schools and enforce the rule of law. Members of the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA) had the opportunity to meet with Attorney General Sessions last week and were pleased to see some of the association's recommendations incorporated into the Department's announcement.

"We need a layered approach to school safety and the Attorney General heard that at our meeting" said MCSA President and Polk County FL Sheriff Grady Judd. "Early warning systems, hardened security and properly trained personnel are some of the tools we need in our toolbelt. The Attorney General brought together representatives from all across law enforcement and I appreciated his time and attention."

Oakland County MI Sheriff Mike Bouchard commented, "Our meeting with the Attorney General was timely and thoughtful. I appreciated his willingness to engage with local law enforcement and the Department's decision to aggressively move forward, including some of MCSA's supported initiatives, shows his commitment to the safety of our schools and enforcement of current gun law."

The Major County Sheriffs of America crafted a set of policy principals that advocate for an increase in mental health services and continuity of care, request funding for the secure our schools grant program within the COPS Office and increase the prevalence of School Resource Officers. Additionally, law enforcement needs resources to help identify, deter, and respond to threats and we must ensure that those who are prohibited from purchasing a firearm and attempt to do so are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

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The [Major County Sheriffs of America](#) (MCSA) is a professional law enforcement association of elected Sheriffs representing counties or parishes with 500,000 population or more. MCSA is dedicated to preserving the highest integrity in law enforcement, corrections, and the elected Office of the Sheriff. MCSA's membership represents over 100 million Americans, and works to promote a

greater understanding of strategies to address future problems and identify law enforcement challenges facing members of the organization.