

STATE OF DELAWARE



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DOVER**

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER FORTY-SIX

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES,
AND ALL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND GOVERNMENTAL UNITS OF
THE STATE OF DELAWARE

RE: GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON VIOLENT CRIME

WHEREAS, the health and safety of our communities and neighborhoods is of paramount importance to the quality of life of Delawareans; and

WHEREAS, violent crime and drugs in our neighborhoods greatly diminishes the quality of life in those communities and undermines public confidence in government and community; and

WHEREAS, violent crime is on the rise in certain areas of our State; and

WHEREAS, those areas of concentrated criminal activity tax the resources of local law enforcement, making it difficult for local law enforcement to respond in a manner sufficient to address the problem; and

WHEREAS, the studies of many experts conclude that a high percentage of violent crime is committed by a small number of offenders who are already known to the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the studies of many experts conclude that an aggressive, concentrated law enforcement effort in high crime areas along with intense supervision of those persons on probation

and parole will help reduce violence, thereby greatly benefiting the law-abiding citizens in those communities; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware State Police often join forces with local law enforcement in cooperative law enforcement initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware State Police and the Wilmington Police Department conducted one such successful operation in 1996 called Operation Joint Venture which resulted in one hundred and ninety-four people arrested and three hundred and thirty felony drug charges; and

WHEREAS, state probation and parole officers, both juvenile and adult, are often charged with monitoring the most dangerous offenders in our community; and

WHEREAS, state probation and parole officers are aware of each offenders' probation conditions and are afforded broader arrest powers than police officers; and

WHEREAS, state probation and parole officers working together with local law enforcement agencies can undertake a high impact initiative against offenders with proven criminal tendencies; and

WHEREAS, Delaware has a proud tradition of cooperation among our law enforcement agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas R. Carper, by the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order that:

1. The Governor's Task Force on Violent Crime is hereby created to work in cooperation and conjunction with local law enforcement agencies to provide support and assistance to address violent crime in the most crime-prone areas of our State.

2. Each mission of the Task Force shall be initiated at the invitation of the relevant local law enforcement agency and shall be preceded by a thorough analysis of the crime problem at issue.

3. The Task Force, in conjunction with the Criminal Justice Council, shall analyze such requests in terms of the extent and nature of violent crime problems in a particular area.

4. The Task Force shall review and, where appropriate, propose modifications of existing initiatives so as to provide the most effective assistance to local communities.

5. The Task Force shall be composed of officers from the Delaware State Police, probation and parole officers for the Department of Correction, probation and parole officers for the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families and such others as the Governor shall direct to be deployed to assist the Task Force.

6. The Governor shall appoint a commander of the Task Force who will oversee the operations of the Task Force working in coordination with local law enforcement agencies.



Approved this 28th day of May,
1997.

Thomas R. Carper
Governor

Attest:

W. Fred
Secretary of State