

# NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERSHIP TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE



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## STATEMENT BY BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD, CHIEF JIM JOHNSON, CHAIR, NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERSHIP TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE, ON THE AMBUSH OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN LAS VEGAS



The National Law Enforcement Partnership to Prevent Gun Violence mourns the loss of the three people gunned down in Las Vegas on Sunday, including Officers Alyn Beck and Igor Soldo. While we do not yet know all the facts, reports indicate that these officers were ambushed by individuals who specifically sought out law enforcement.



Law enforcement officers are not only on the front lines working to protect the public, but are increasingly the targets of gun violence. Ambushes of law enforcement have risen dramatically, and were the leading cause of fatal shootings of officers for two years in a row, in 2012 and 2013, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. As of Sunday, June 8, 2014, officer firearm fatalities were up 53% from the same time last year. This is an alarming trend that we cannot allow to continue.



We are outraged that more has not already been done to prevent the senseless killings of citizens and law enforcement alike. Our nation must make it a priority to prevent dangerous individuals from acquiring guns and inflicting such grave damage on others. Enough is enough.



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