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THE GUN SAFETY CONSORTIUM IS:

- A newly forming group led by mayors, police chiefs, county executives, sheriffs, prosecutors and other officials committed to forging a non-partisan, pragmatic path forward to reduce gun violence
- A vehicle for municipalities, counties and states to use their combined purchasing power, data and expertise to advance their interests on gun safety
- Funded by annual contributions from member jurisdictions, ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000
- An outgrowth of the *Do Not Stand Idly By* campaign, through which public-sector, religious, civic and business leaders have urged the gun industry to make safety their top priority

THE CONSORTIUM'S INITIAL FOCUS IS ON:

- Hands-on evaluation by law enforcement officers of new and emerging gun security devices that help owners secure their firearms against theft and unauthorized use
- Encouraging more widespread availability and use of these products by gun owners -- law enforcement officers as well as civilians

WHY ARE GUN SAFETY TECHNOLOGIES SO IMPORTANT?

- Fewer than half of the nation's gun owners consistently secure their firearms, according to studies -- *a problem that has multiplied during the COVID-19 pandemic, as millions of Americans have purchased firearms, including many first-time gun owners.* Unsecured guns have deadly consequences. An estimated 400,000 guns are stolen each year from homes, vehicles, and businesses; stolen guns enter trafficking pipelines, and many are used in violent crimes. Unsecured guns are used in thousands of suicides each year, and in hundreds of shootings by children.
- One reason gun owners cite for not securing their weapons is the perceived trade-off between securing a gun and accessing it quickly. Until recently there were few products, if any, that allowed for both. New ready-access locking and storage devices create the possibility that millions more gun owners will secure their weapons.
- Significant reductions in the number of gun-related deaths in America are achievable over the next several years as these and other safety products, including "smart guns," become widely known and available.

HOW TO JOIN OR LEARN MORE:

- The Consortium seeks member jurisdictions and leaders from all regions and diverse political perspectives. **Join here:** <https://forms.gle/ejKdregsaNAMEK3z7>
- Find out more by contacting us at GunSafetyConsortium.org