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MCCA RELEASES CRIME AND GUN VIOLENCE REPORTS

Today, the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) published its Midyear Violent Crime Report in conjunction with a report on the current state of gun violence in America. Compared to 2019 midyear figures, MCCA member cities have experienced a 50% increase in homicides and a roughly 36% increase in aggravated assaults. These shocking numbers demonstrate how the sustained increase in violent crime has disproportionately impacted major urban areas.

While MCCA member agencies continue to develop new and innovative strategies to address rising violent crime, there is a distinct need to have a robust conversation regarding the driving factors and systematic failures that have contributed to the current state of affairs.

At the end of 2021, the MCCA launched a Gun Violence Working Group consisting of chiefs and command staff to discuss the intricacies of gun violence. The Working Group was tasked with identifying key problems and developing potential solutions to help aid law enforcement across the country decrease the number of tragedies that have become far too common. The report covers many topics, including the increase in the proliferation of guns, current gun trends, increases in juvenile gun crime, judicial and prosecutorial implications, Second Amendment and responsible gun ownership issues, and support for victims.

It is the responsibility of the MCCA and other thought leaders to shine a light on the impact violent crime has had on our constituencies. The police are just one component of the broader criminal justice system, and without a collaborative, targeted, and holistic approach to combatting violent crime, our communities will suffer.

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The Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA) is a professional organization of police executives representing the largest cities in the United States and Canada. The MCCA provides a unique forum for urban chiefs, sheriffs and other law enforcement executives to share ideas, experiences and strategies. MCCA provides a collaborative forum for the advancement of public safety through innovation, research, policy development, government engagement, community outreach, and leadership development.

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