

# Reconstitute the Violence Prevention Taskforce by Executive Order

- To bring focus and clarity to a longer-term prevention strategy that prioritizes early interventions for children and families, the Governor will establish the Violence Prevention Taskforce (VPT).
- The VPT will be composed of senior executive branch officials appointed by the Governor and responsible for the implementation of specific and measurable community violence prevention policies across state government, with an emphasis on preventing gun crimes in schools and in community settings.
- This task force is advisory to the Governor and will report regularly to him on its view of the effectiveness of violence prevention policy; coordinate violence prevention policy implementation across state government; identify needed reform of existing laws that do not adequately hold offenders accountable in order to deter violent crimes; and coordinate federal funding opportunities to better prevent suicide and community violence, facilitate better use of ERPO implementation/enhancements, and significantly improve school safety and school violence prevention.

# Appoint a Director of Violence Prevention

- The Director will work with the Agency of Education and school safety teams to expand the use of behavioral risk assessments in schools; develop a plan to ensure every school is using and updating assessment tools; and develop a streamlined response and reporting system for threats.
- The Director will also work with the Attorney General, the States' Attorneys and Sheriffs and the departments of health and mental health to maximize the use of ERPO laws statewide, among other responsibilities.

# Progress to Date

VPTF meets regularly

Legislative Policy Package

Vermont School Crisis Planning Team

Implementation of legislative requirements

Implement requirements of Act 29

Working with VDH on Community Violence Prevention Grant

School Swatting follow up

Subcommittee focusing on DV

Developed ERPO training for police, courts, and public (DPS Lead)

Crime Stoppers

Vermont School Safety Center

Safe Gun Storage Initiative with USAO

Public Safety Enhancement Team (PSET)