

## **CHILD ACCESS TO FIREARMS/SAFE STORAGE**

### **TASK FORCE MEETING**

**February 15, 2019**

**Parks & Recreation Board Room**

**3131 'O' Street, Ste. 300**

Task Force Members Present: Jason Stille (Chair), John Neal, Jim Davidsaver, Rose Hood Buss Healthier Talbott, Dave Miers, Brendon Ragath (for Teri Clark), Melody Vaccaro, Camille Iacono, Emily Killham, Brian Baker, Bryan Seck, Thomas Booth.

Task Force Members Absent: Bennie Shobe, Todd Duncan, Ben Pflanz, Alicia Henderson, Sara Hoyle.

Others present: Don Scheinost, Jeff Peterson, Jeff Bliemeister, David Laird, Barb Biffle, Tonya Peters.

Jason Stille called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. and acknowledged the meeting falls under the Open Meetings Law.

Jeff Bliemeister made opening comments, thanking the members for agreeing to participate on the task force and giving of their time to discuss this very important subject.

Introductions were made.

Jason Stille provided the group with the history and background behind the formalizing of the task force as well as related the directives for the task force from Mayor Beutler. He also reviewed correspondence that was included in the agenda packet.

Jeff Peterson, LPD's Crime Analysis Unit's manager, provided a presentation of statistical data concerning firearms-related crimes in Lincoln over the past nineteen years. This information was also provided in the agenda packet.

Following Peterson's presentation, members were asked if there is additional data they would like to see that could aid in discussion pertinent to the group's goal. Those requests include:

- similar data from UNLPD;
- number of incidents involving children ages 18 and younger;
- in addition to suicides and incident rates (population-based) where a firearm was taken from a home, but if the incident occurred elsewhere (this can be done, but will require a line-by-line search);
- data from LPS regarding the number of gun incidents in the schools;
- incidents of elders with access to firearms and kids with access to firearms while in non-custodial care.

In addition, others on the task force will provide data available to them to Jason for inclusion in the next meeting's agenda packet.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at this same location.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.