

Florida Task Force on Citizen Safety and Protection

May 1, 2012

Purpose of this meeting:

- Define the mission of the Task Force
- Define the scope of work
- Develop a calendar
- Set a timetable for a report to the Governor and the Florida Legislature

The Task Force on Citizen Safety and Protection was created by Governor Rick Scott with a defined purpose:

“To investigate how to make sure a tragedy such as this does not occur in the future, while at the same time, protecting the fundamental rights of all of our citizens – especially the right to feel protected and safe in our state.” The Task Force will:

- Conduct public hearings
- Thoroughly review Florida Statute 776 “Justifiable Use of Force”
- Recommend actions – legislative and otherwise – to both protect our citizens and safeguard the rights of Floridians

The Task Force is not tasked with:

- Determining the outcome of any specific pending or future legal cases.

Draft Mission:

The Task Force on Citizen Safety and Protection will review Florida Statute 776, listen to the concerns and ideas of the citizens of Florida, and make recommendations to the Governor and the Florida Legislature to ensure the rights of all Floridians to feel safe and secure in our state.

Draft Guiding Principles:

1. Provide forums where the citizens of Florida have the opportunity to be heard regarding their concerns with Statute 776 and recommendations for change.
2. Develop trust by bring objectivity to the meetings, listening with an open mind and maintaining a calm and productive environment.
3. Ensure an open and honest discussion of relevant laws, rules, regulations, and programs.
4. Identify any viable options and opportunities that may prevent tragedies or other such incidents.
5. Protect the rights of all Floridians to feel safe and secure in our state.

Scope of Work to Accomplish Mission:

- Determine where and when public hearings should be held in the state with a rationale for locations based on Guiding Principles.
- Define the listening processes to be used in these public hearings, as well as any methods for soliciting ideas that will be made available to the public.
- Develop communication plan with multiple and varied media forms to ensure all interested citizens have the opportunity to receive the location and listening process information.
- Review and discuss Statute 776 for areas of controversy while maintaining a focus on Citizen Safety and Protection.
- Conduct meetings and consolidate information including relevant data.
- Prepare a report for Governor Scott and the Florida Legislature.