



# NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

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## **NSA LEADERSHIP MEETS WITH VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN TO DISCUSS ISSUES CRITICAL TO NATION'S SHERIFFS**

**Alexandria, VA** – The National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) met with Vice President Joseph Biden to discuss issues facing the nation's sheriffs. The meeting, held at the White House on November 17<sup>th</sup>, was attended by NSA's Executive Committee.

The meeting focused on several key issues including the allocation of the D Block to public safety to create a national public safety interoperable network; federal funding vital to state and local law enforcement; legislation regarding mental ill offenders and the nation's jails; comprehensive immigration reform; the National Crime Commission Bill; and legislation to amend the federal Hatch Act and its impact on the nation's sheriffs.

Additionally, Hampton City, VA Sheriff B.J. Roberts, NSA's Immediate Past President (2010-2011), presented Vice President Biden with the 2010-2011 NSA President's Award for all of his work on behalf of the nation's sheriffs. The Vice President has been and continues to be a strong and vocal advocate for the nation's law enforcement community and demonstrates a tireless commitment to the nation's sheriffs.

"Vice President Biden has long understood the needs of law enforcement, authoring the 1994 Crime Bill that created both the COPS Hiring Program and the Violence Against Women Act; protecting the funding of critical law enforcement programs; and ensuring the Administration's vital support for the allocation of the D Block to public safety," stated NSA President Sheriff Paul H. Fitzgerald, Story County, IA.. "We greatly appreciate being able to share with the Vice President our concerns and positions on these key issues facing sheriffs in their communities nationwide."

National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) is the one of the largest association of law enforcement professionals in the United States, representing more than 3,000 elected sheriffs across the nation, and a total membership of more than 20,000. NSA is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising the level of professionalism among sheriffs, their deputies, and others in the field of criminal justice and public safety. Throughout its seventy-year history, NSA has served as an information clearinghouse for sheriffs, deputies, chiefs of police, other law enforcement professionals, state governments and the federal government.

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