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I support the following statements in the Duty # 4 Designated Party Submitted Comments from these parties:

- “There are two ways to prevent mass gun violence: eliminate the guns or eliminate the motivation to mis-use them. The latter is far easier, and mental health treatments must be more easily accessible.” – **Acierno, Ronald**
- “Required law enforcement training should be based on best practices. There have been many calls for change to police training which are based on fear instead of facts. Better training leads to better officers, but we must ensure that our officers are receiving the right kind of training.” – **Lawrence, Kevin**
- “The process of receiving the tip to a potential interview with the subject is typically quick for intervention or thwarting of an attack to be successful. Mental health professionals who specialize in behavioral threat assessments believe that a knock on the door by a police officer could be an important intervention technique to throw an individual off their plan, show that someone is concerned, remind that subject of the consequences, etc.” – **Szimanski, Jennifer**