Kevin J. Bethel  Deputy Commissioner Kevin J. Bethel is presently in charge of Patrol Operations. As part of his duties, he oversees both the patrol and detective units for the entire City of Philadelphia. In addition to his Philadelphia Police Department training, Deputy Commissioner Bethel has benefited from extensive specialized training received at the United States Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy, Quantico, VA “Leadership and Specialized Training Course,” and the FBI’s National Executive Institute, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) “Basic Narcotics and Dangerous Drug Law Enforcement,” and “Drug Unit Commanders Academy (DUCA)”, “Operation Jetway Training” and “Caribbean Drug Violators Strategy Session.” Most recently, Deputy Commissioner Bethel was given the Philadelphia Daily News 2008 Fencl Award, bestowed on a police officer who brings a unique blend of courage, integrity and determination to the job.

Erwin Chemerinsky  is the Dean and Distinguished Professor of Law, Raymond Pryke Professor of First Amendment Law, University of California, Irvine School of Law. Prior to assuming this position in 2008, he was the Alston and Bird Professor of Law and Political Science at Duke University from 2004-2008 and was a professor at the University of Southern California Law School from 1983-2004, including as the Sydney M. Irmas Professor of Public Interest Law, Legal Ethics, and Political Science. He is the author of eight books, including The Case Against the Supreme Court to be published by Viking in 2014, and over 200 law review articles. Dean Chemerinsky frequently argues appellate cases, including in the United States Supreme Court. He is a graduate of Northwestern University and Harvard Law School.

Shira Goodman  Ms. Goodman is the Executive Director of CeaseFirePA, a coalition of mayors, police chiefs, faith leaders, community organizations and individual Pennsylvanians working together to take a stand against gun violence. CeaseFirePA is the largest gun violence prevention organization working in Pennsylvania, and an active partner in the national gun violence prevention movement. Shortly after Sandy Hook, Ms. Goodman was called to Washington, D.C. to meet with Vice President Biden, Attorney General Holder and members of the President's Task Force on Gun Violence. Ms. Goodman also serves on the Executive Council of the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Commission on Women in the Profession and has served on the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Project Constitution Task Force. She previously chaired the Language Access Task Force of the Philadelphia Bar Association and also served on the Executive Council of the Young Lawyers’ Division of the Philadelphia Bar Association. In 2008, Ms. Goodman was named one of Philadelphia’s Top 101 Emerging Connectors by Leadership Philadelphia.

Juliet Leftwich  is the Legal Director of the Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, a national law center that provides legal assistance and expertise to legislators seeking to advance effective, legally-defensible laws to reduce gun violence. She oversees the Law Center’s legal activities nationwide. She has worked extensively on the development and drafting of state and local gun laws throughout the United States, has co-written a wide variety of model laws, and has testified at numerous public hearings on such laws. Ms. Leftwich is the primary author of Gun Regulation and the Second Amendment: Moving Forward After District of Columbia v. Heller,” the “California Report: Recent Developments in Federal, State and Local Gun Laws,” “10
Myths About Gun Violence in America,” and “Addressing Gun Violence Through Local Ordinances, A Legal Resource Manual for California Cities and Counties.” She has presented, including on the law of the Second Amendment, at many continuing legal education programs, including those provided by the State Bar of California, Chicago Bar Association, American Bar Association and American Constitution Society. Ms. Leftwich obtained her undergraduate degree from the University of California at Berkeley and her law degree from the University of California at Davis.

Jonathan E. Lowy is the Director of the Legal Action Project at the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence. For over 16 years he has helped reform dangerous gun industry practices through lawsuits on behalf of victims of gun violence, helped defend reasonable gun laws, and challenged gun lobby-backed laws that place Americans at risk. He has helped establish precedent in courts across the country holding irresponsible gun companies accountable for contributing to gun violence by negligently selling or designing guns; establishing that the Second Amendment allows for reasonable gun laws; and striking down gun lobby laws that restrict Americans’ rights and their ability to prevent gun violence. Mr. Lowy discusses firearms issues extensively in the media. He graduated from Harvard College and the University Of Virginia School Of Law.

Bryan Miller is Executive Director of Heeding God’s Call, the faith-based and grassroots movement to prevent gun violence. Bryan left a twenty-five year career in international business to devote his life to gun violence prevention after his brother was one of three law enforcement officers killed in a massacre at Washington, DC police headquarters by a lone gunman wielding a concealed assault pistol. Bryan was Executive Director of New Jersey’s leading organization devoted to reducing gun violence, Ceasefire NJ, for fifteen years, during which tenure the state gained one of the country’s most effective systems of gun regulation and become one of the safest from gun violence. Bryan chaired the Presbyterian Church USA Study Team that drafted and promoted the ‘Gun Violence, Gospel Values: Mobilizing in Response to God’s Call’ Overture adopted unanimously at the 2010 PCUSA General Assembly. Under Bryan’s leadership, Heeding God’s Call was instrumental in the shuttering of a notorious Philadelphia gun shop by federal authorities and has established volunteer chapters in Philadelphia and environs, Harrisburg, Baltimore and Washington, DC. Heeding God’s Call seeks to get people of faith out of the pews and into 'living their faith on their feet' through gun violence prevention activism. Bryan worships at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in the Philadelphia suburbs.

Matthew Miller, MD, MPH, Sc.D., a general internist, medical oncologist, and public health epidemiologist is currently the Co-Director of the Harvard Injury Control Research Center and Associate Professor of Health Policy and Injury Prevention at the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Miller’s is the author of more than 100 peer reviewed journal articles on firearm related violence, unintentional injuries, medical ethics, and suicide. Over the past 15 years Dr. Miller’s firearm related research has contributed to the body of work that established access to firearms as a risk factor for suicide, homicide and unintentional injury mortality, and has helped advance what we know about clinicians’ (and others’) attitudes about the preventability of suicide through reducing access to firearms and other lethal means. Dr. Miller’s pharmacoepidemiological research has examined the link between prescription medications (e.g.,
psychotropic agents and opioid analgesics) and both intentional injury (deliberate self-harm, suicide) and unintentional injury (falls, fractures, motor vehicle crashes, and unintentional overdose). In 2011 Dr. Miler received the Excellence in Science Award, an honor bestowed annually by the Injury Control & Emergency Health Services (ICEHS) Section of the American Public Health Association to an individual in recognition, as the citation states, of outstanding dedication and leadership in the science of injury control and emergency health services, with contributions and achievements that have a significant and long term impact on the field.

**Edward Gene "Ed" Rendell** served two terms as the Governor of Pennsylvania, from 2003 to 2011. From 2008 to 2009, Governor Rendell was the Chairman of the National Governors Association. He was a member of the Democratic Governors Association Executive Committee and served as General Chairman of the Democratic National Committee during the 2000 presidential election. He was the Mayor of Philadelphia from 1992 to 2000 and was lauded for his work. The New York Times called Rendell's job as mayor "the most stunning turnaround in recent urban history." Previously, he had served two terms as the District Attorney of Philadelphia. Mr. Rendell has been an outspoken advocate for laws and practices to reduce gun violence.

**Susan B. Sorenson**, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania, has a unique interdisciplinary background in epidemiology, sociology, and psychology. She has published widely in the epidemiology and prevention of violence – specifically, homicide, suicide, sexual assault, child abuse, battering, and firearms – and her teaching at Penn includes a course called Guns & Health. Dr. Sorenson served on the 2013 Institute of Medicine Committee on Priorities for a Public Health Research Agenda to Reduce the Threat of Firearm-Related Violence.

**Dorothy Johnson-Speight** MHS, LPC, founded Mothers In Charge, Inc. (MIC) 2003 in response to the pain of the murder of her son, 24-year old Khaaliq Jabbar Johnson, over a parking space in December 2001. Through Dorothy Johnson-Speight's vision, MIC has expanded over the last ten years to serve hundreds of families affected by violence, while engaging and supporting impassioned mothers, grandmothers, sisters and aunts who have lost loved ones to murder and are committed to working towards preventing violence. The mission of MIC is to work toward violence prevention through education, intervention, and advocacy for youth, adults, and families. Our unique blend of organizing and direct services gives MIC the ability to meet the immediate needs of those directly affected by crime, engage the criminal justice and court systems in prevention education, and create systemic change by empowering victims and perpetrators to become advocates and catalysts for reform, especially common sense gun legislation. The success of MIC has been recognized across the United States and has resulted in its replication in several American cities.

**Jon S. Vernick**, JD, MPH is an Associate Professor and an Associate Chair in the Department of Health Policy and Management at The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Prof. Vernick is Co-Director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research. In addition, he is Co-Director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Law and the Public’s Health and Deputy Director of the Center for Injury Research and Policy. His work has concentrated on ways in which the law and legal interventions can improve the public’s health. He is particularly interested in epidemiology, policy, legal, and ethical issues associated with firearm and motor
vehicle injuries. He has also examined aspects of numerous other public health issues including tobacco control, preparedness, and health advocacy. Prof. Vernick is also committed to graduate education, serving as an Associate Chair of the Johns Hopkins MPH Program. Jon Vernick received a B.A. from Johns Hopkins University, his law degree from George Washington University, and an MPH from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health.