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The Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Sheriffs' Association, Robert Wollyung, announces that the position of the County Sheriffs of this state has not changed in regard to gun control. The Sheriffs are Constitutional Officers sworn to uphold the Constitutions of the United States and the Commonwealth. No directive has been given, nor is any directive expected to require the removal or surrender of any firearms in this state. Pennsylvania does have, however, laws that require individuals who are subject to Protection from Abuse orders to temporarily surrender their weapons to the Sheriff until the case is disposed of in Court.

On a related matter, it can only be suspected, that the large increase in applications for License to Carry firearms has dramatically increased across the Commonwealth. The Sheriffs of most of the 67 counties are reporting significant increases in applications and are still able to complete the process of issuance or denial of the licenses within the prescribed time. Because of the state-wide increases, the instant background check system operated by the Pennsylvania State Police has also shown the strain in timely responses to the Sheriffs.

Please do not hesitate to contact your county Sheriff if you have any questions or concerns. Information on the 67 county Sheriffs can be found on our website at www.pasheriffs.org and click on "Sheriff Info" at the top of the page.