

We are at a critical point in the DNSIB campaign. As you all well know, one of the core principles of the campaign is to “encourage” gun manufacturers to commit more resources into the development of smart guns and smart locks. They say they will do that only when there’s a market for it. WE know there won’t be a market until the defacto chokehold on selling them is lifted. And THAT won’t happen until a core constituency educates themselves about the technologies and begins to break down the barriers of misconceptions. That core constituency is law enforcement. We know – from the experience that Glock had after the NYPD adopted their gun – that when police adopt a gun, the market follows.

Due to the FANTASTIC work of many of you, our Common Ground team has managed to get tantalizingly close to putting smart guns into the hands of Milwaukee County police officers...next month, Milwaukee County’s Intergovernmental Cooperation Council will vote on a resolution to purchase smart guns for research and testing purposes within all of Milwaukee County’s police departments. It is our hope that this will be the first step in gaining acceptance for smart guns.

If passed, THE ICC RESOLUTION WILL BE THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY.

As with everything gun-related, though, there is some resistance and a lot of misinformation. We are working to dispel both. For the next 4 weeks, our primary focus is going to be on police chiefs. We would like to meet with as many Milwaukee County Police Chiefs as possible before the April 10th ICC meeting. All we want to do at these meetings is convince police chiefs to keep an open mind to the resolution and keep a neutral stance with the mayor of his/her municipality. In short, we don’t want the chiefs to be working against us.

That means we need YOU to volunteer to:

1. Call the office of a police chief to set up a meeting – please see the attached document to give you guidance, if you feel you need it
2. Allow the chief to set the date and time – only parameter is that it

occur before April 10th.

3. Once that is set, email me, and I'll put out a call to everyone and, from the responses, assemble a team – hopefully with YOU on it!

Communities that we need a volunteer for are:

West Milwaukee

St. Francis

River Hills

Hales Corners

Greendale

Franklin

Please respond to me if:

You're willing to make the initial phone call

You're willing to be put on a list to attend a meeting with ANY of the Milwaukee County police chiefs (the other municipalities already have volunteers working on setting up a meeting date/time)

Thank you!

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