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*******MEDIA ADVISORY*******

Department of Justice to Launch New Violence Reduction Network in Cities across the Country

*New Partnership Brings Together Federal and Local Law Enforcement, Community Leaders to
Reduce Violent Crime*

WASHINGTON – In the Justice Department’s latest effort to curb violent crime and advance public safety, Attorney General Eric Holder will be joined by federal and local law enforcement leaders, mayors and prosecutors at a three-day Violence Reduction Network (VRN) summit, Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 2014, at the ATF headquarters in Washington, D.C. The first cities selected to participate in the new Violence Reduction Network include Camden, New Jersey; Chicago; Detroit; Oakland/Richmond, California; and Wilmington, Delaware. The VRN sites will have access to the full inventory of evidence-based violence reduction resources available through DOJ.

The VRN summit will serve as an opportunity for the Department of Justice to convene agencies including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Drug Enforcement Administration; the Executive Office of the United States Attorneys; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; the Office of Justice Programs; the Office on Violence Against Women; and the United States Marshals Service. Media are invited to the opening session of the summit and follow-on press availability.

- WHO:** U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder Jr.
Assistant Attorney General Karol V. Mason, Office of Justice Programs
- WHAT:** Violence Reduction Network Summit Opening Session
- WHEN:** Monday, Sept. 29, 2014
1:00 - 1:45 p.m.: Opening Session
1:45 - 2:30 p.m.: Federal Panel Media Availability
2:45 - 3:15 p.m.: VRN Sites Media Availability
- WHERE:** Headquarters, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
99 New York Avenue, NE

Washington, DC 20226
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NOTE: All media must present government-issued photo I.D. (such as driver's license) as well as valid media credentials. Media interested in attending must RSVP to Joan.LaRocca2@usdoj.gov by Friday, Sept. 26 at 5:00pm. The Media RSVP should include the full name as show on the driver's license, media outlet, contact information, gender, and date of birth. Media may begin arriving at 11:30 p.m. EDT. All cameras must be pre-set and radios must be in place by 12:00 p.m. EDT. Final press access is 12:45 p.m. EDT. Press inquiries regarding logistics should be directed to Joan.LaRocca2@usdoj.gov.

Please note that, by RSVPing to this event, you are giving your permission and consent for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to conduct a police check inquiry for the purpose of granting you escorted access to ATF facilities and/or access to ATF non-sensitive information, or access to an ATF construction site. You understand that a felony conviction will automatically disqualify you. You understand that additional forms may be required by ATF for a more in-depth background investigation and you attest that the information you are providing with this RSVP is true.

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