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Prosecutors Gather at National Conference to Discuss Non-Fatal Shootings

SALT LAKE CITY -- With the goal of reducing life-altering violent crime, District Attorney Michael Dougherty joined prosecutors, police, academics, and community groups from across the country for the National Prosecution Best Practices Conference on non-fatal shootings in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Hosted by the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office, Prosecutors Against Gun Violence, and Prosecutors' Center for Excellence, the conference dove into the challenges and solutions in prosecuting and reducing non-fatal shootings, a growing issue in many cities. Prosecutors and experts discussed topics ranging from improving shooting investigations to fostering fair and equitable community partnerships.

DA Michael Dougherty stated, "Boulder County is a safe and wonderful place to live, but we are not immune from challenges that harm other communities. The trauma resulting from non-fatal shootings, both to the victim and the community at large, can have lifelong effects that the criminal justice system must address. The conference provided an excellent forum to explore how best to address non-fatal shootings -- including how to prevent them."

DA Dougherty is participating in a panel discussion on "Prosecutors and their Community," along with Commonwealth Attorney Tom Wine, Jefferson County (KY), District Attorney John Flynn, Erie County (NY), and Prosecuting Attorney Kym Worthy, Wayne County (MI).

Our office continues to actively engage and support federal, state, and local legislative efforts. In addition, this office is helping to distribute gun safes, gun locks, and conduct a gun buyback as part of our Safe Gun Storage Initiative. Finally, our office works closely with community groups committed to reducing gun violence.