



# CITIZENS CRIME COMMISSION OF NEW YORK CITY

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## **Crime Commission President Aborn Applauds New York City's Historic Crime Numbers**

**New York, NY** - Citizens Crime Commission President Richard Aborn today applauded newly released statistics showing the city's crime numbers have again reached historic lows.

"These results prove that New York City is the great criminal justice and law enforcement experiment that worked," said Crime Commission President Aborn. "Through precision policing and a commitment to neighborhood engagement, Mayor de Blasio and Commissioners O'Neill and Bratton have brought law enforcement to a new level and into the 21st Century. And our city would not be as safe without the cooperation and resources of the various community organizations we work with to stop crime before it ever happens. The rest of the nation's big cities -- as well as the new leadership in Washington -- should learn from the example New York City has set.

"The Crime Commission is proud to partner with Mayor de Blasio, Commissioner O'Neill, and community-based anti-violence organizations toward the common goal of making New York a safer and fairer city, and we are eager to continue the work of improving neighborhood relations, reducing gun crimes, and helping prevent violence in New York City," Aborn said.

New York City saw 998 total shootings in 2016, down from 1,100 the year before. By comparison, Chicago had more than three times as many shootings last year, yet it is less than a third the size of New York. Additionally, overall serious felonies fell by 2,500 to 101,500 total on the year. The city's homicide rate of 3.91 per 100,000 residents is the second lowest recorded per capita number in city history. Killings dropped to 335 in 2016 from 352 in 2015.

The Citizens Crime Commission has worked closely with the Mayor's office and the NYPD on numerous innovative initiatives, including "Project Fast Track" -- which combines the efforts and resources of police, prosecutors and the courts to catch gun criminals and swiftly sentence them -- and various projects to improve neighborhood relations and interrupt violence in high crime communities.

"Richard Aborn from the Citizens Crime Commission helped us put together the gun violence suppression division," Commissioner O'Neill said at the announcement of the new crime numbers today. "That's really helping us keep the gun crime down."

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**Richard Aborn was formerly the President of Handgun Control (now the Brady Campaign) and was a leading figure in the passage of the 1994 assault weapons ban. Aborn is available for comment. Please contact Evan Thies at [evan@brooklynstrategies.com](mailto:evan@brooklynstrategies.com) or (917) 715-9265.**

About the Citizens Crime Commission:

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