

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 07-77

(Establishing Gubernatorial Task Force for University Campus Safety)

WHEREAS, a horrific tragedy unfolded on April 16, 2007, on the campus of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (“Virginia Tech”) in Blacksburg, Virginia, when a young man opened fire on the campus, shooting and killing 32 people and wounding many more before committing suicide;

WHEREAS, I met today with Mike Leavitt, United States Secretary of Department of Health and Human Services to discuss Florida’s actions taken in the aftermath of the tragedy at Virginia Tech;

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has tasked Secretary Leavitt, the United States Attorney General, and the United States Secretary of Education with the goal of meeting with Governors across the United States in order to report back to the White House on measures taken to improve security and response to crisis situations on university campuses;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHARLIE CRIST, as Governor of Florida, in obedience to my solemn constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, do hereby promulgate the following Executive Order, to take immediate effect:

Section 1.

A. There is hereby created the Gubernatorial Task Force for University Campus Safety (“Task Force”), formed to help improve communication and collaboration between education, mental health, law enforcement, and emergency management agencies;

B. The Task Force shall be advisory in nature and is created for the following purposes:

1. Identifying students who pose a risk; improving information sharing mental health and health professional and education and law enforcement within the parameters of applicable Federal law;
2. Identifying methods of notification during emergency situations on school campuses;
3. Identifying strategies for improving cross-agency communication;
4. Identifying necessary improvements for training of law enforcement officials and first responders to crisis situations;

Section 2.

The Task Force shall provide a report to the Governor by May 24, 2007 setting forth its recommendations.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 30th day of April, 2007.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE