

Keeping Communities Safe

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- 1994 Crime Bill - After

legislative progress had stalled on the crime bill, Castle was one of several Republican members who led the successful bipartisan effort to forge a compromise to win passage of the Comprehensive Violent Crime Control Act. That act also contains Castle's "Youth Handgun Safety Act" making it illegal for minors under the age of 18 to use a handgun except for use in target practice, a gun safety course or hunting in the supervision of an adult.

- National Center for Missing and

Exploited Children - Castle authored the law designating this center as the national clearinghouse to protect children from abuse, abduction, and exploitation.

- Improving Internet Safety - Internet

predators are a real threat to our children as one in five children received an online sexual solicitation last year alone. Castle worked hard to gain passage of the "Internet Crime Prevention Education Program Act" and supports the "Deleting Online Predators Act" to provide schools, law enforcement agencies, and children with the educational tools to keep kids safe from online dangers.

- Fallen Firefighters Memorial Law -

Castle's law will lower the American flag to half staff on all federal buildings to coincide with the national day of recognition for all firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty. This day of recognition occurs in conjunction with the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service held in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

- Assault Weapons Ban - Rep. Castle,

a long-time supporter of the 1994 Crime Bill, which included the Assault Weapons Ban, has written legislation to extend the ban for 10 more years. This ban has been allowed to expire and Mike Castle believes Congress should immediately reinstate this commonsense measure to keep automatic weapons off the streets.

- Gun

Show Loophole Closing Act - In

32 states, there exists a current loophole in federal law where criminals, minors and, other illegal buyers are able to purchase weapons at gun shows with no questions asked. Rep. Castle introduced legislation to require that all sellers must obtain background checks on the purchase of special gun show events.