

Police Have No Duty to Protect

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Much in the same manner that medical doctors are trained not to prevent disease, but to treat it, police officers are trained not to prevent crime, but to respond once a crime has been committed and arrest the criminal. It is a common assumption that police are there to protect individual citizens from criminal acts, but this is not the case.

The charge of failure to protect on the part of police officers has been tried in many court cases and most have been decided in favor of the police as not having a Constitutional or legal duty to protect the individual, even in cases of negligence or where an order of protection was in place. In one such case, *Warren v. District of Columbia* (1981), the opinion included the following, The police were under no specific legal duty to provide protection to the individual

So as American citizens it is ultimately our responsibility to protect and defend ourselves, our families and our property. Any attempt by legislators to dilute or nullify the 2nd Amendment should be met with the full force of the electorate as this right is tantamount to liberty itself.