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School Violence

- Schools are supposed to be safe environments for children.
- Parent expectation of safety at school instead of traumatization



The tragedy

- Familiar scenes of schools surrounded by Law Enforcement and students running from the building
- There is no one in this room that is not familiar with this topic
- “School Shooter” is no longer a term that needs to be defined





The Tragedy

- We have not been able to prevent all school shootings
- No one who works in schools thinks is something we made up or are watching a terrible movie





Sad but True

- 387 shootings in the US since 1992
- 59% of victims were between ages of 10-19
- 69% of shooters were between ages 10-19

Stoptheshootings.org



SELECT AN ICON TO VIEW DETAILS



View stats for your state: United States

Multiple fatalities One or no fatalities

Our National Issue

This site has recorded 387 school shootings since 1992. That is 387

Tell Your Friends



Stop The Shootings

Take Action

Get informed about various proposed solutions. Visit the

U.S. Statistics

387 SHOOTINGS since 1992

LAST SHOOTINGS

Jan 10, 2013

[Taft Union High School](#)

Taft, CA

0 fatalities

Dec 14, 2012

[Sandy Hook Elementary School](#)

Newtown, CT

28 fatalities

Nov 30, 2012

[Morgan State University](#)

Baltimore, MD

0 fatalities

AGE OF VICTIMS

0 - 9	31 (6%)
10 - 19	300 (59%)
20 - 29	80 (16%)
30 - 39	28 (5%)
40 - 49	33 (6%)
50+	38 (7%)

AGE OF SHOOTERS

0 - 9	5 (2%)
10 - 19	168 (69%)
20 - 29	36 (15%)





Where does this happen?

- California – 69 shootings
- Texas – 29 shootings
- Florida – 21 shootings
- Illinois -19 shootings

- Minnesota – 5 shootings





Minnesota

- Red Lake High School
 - 3/31/2005
- Ricori High School
 - 9/24/2003
- Middle River High School
 - 2/8/1993
- Grand Rapids High School
 - 10/5/1966
- City, Inc
 - 4/15/2003





Historical Perspective of School Violence



Deadliest Attack on an American School?



Bath, MI - May 18, 1927

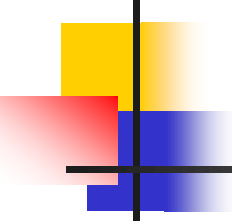


Andrew Kehoe

Bombing/Suicide
bombing

Secondary attack
45 dead, including
Kehoe



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- 36 school shootings between 1928-1997
 - 62 students and adults murdered
 - 1997: 3 incidents resulting in 6 deaths

Bethel, Alaska

Pearl, Mississippi

West Paducah, Kentucky





Jonesboro, AR - March 24, 1998

Westside Middle School
Mitchell Johnson, 13
Andrew Golden, 11

Pulled fire alarm,
shot victims fleeing:
5 dead
10 injured



Columbine High School

April 20, 1999

Eric Harris, 17

Dylan Klebold, 18

- 13 dead
- 21 injured
- 3 injured escaping



Columbine

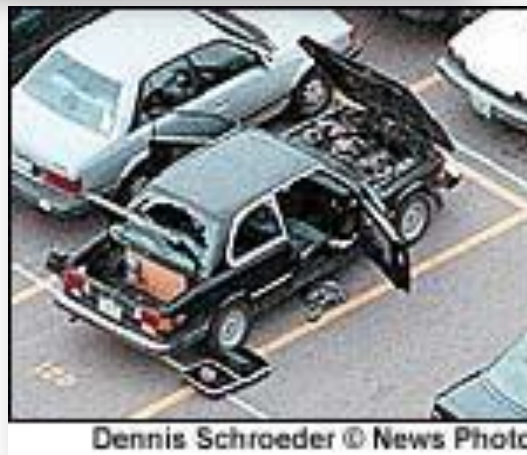
- Weapons
- Explosives



Columbine Weapons



Columbine: Secondary Devices



Vehicles Contained:

- Two 20 lb. Propane tanks
- 20 gallons gasoline
- Misc. propane/comb. Liquid
- Pipe bombs
- Clocks

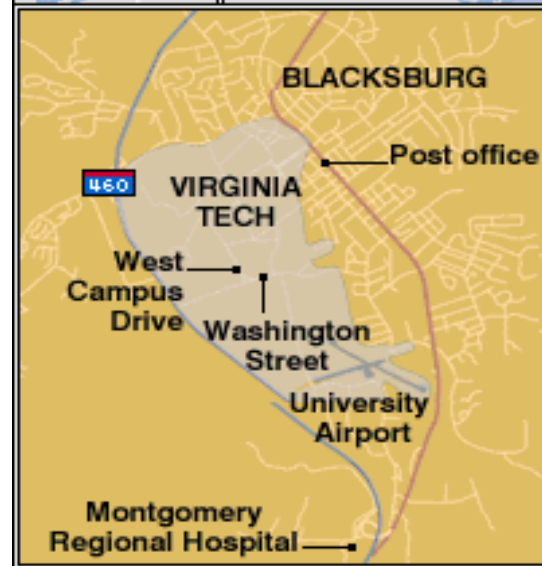
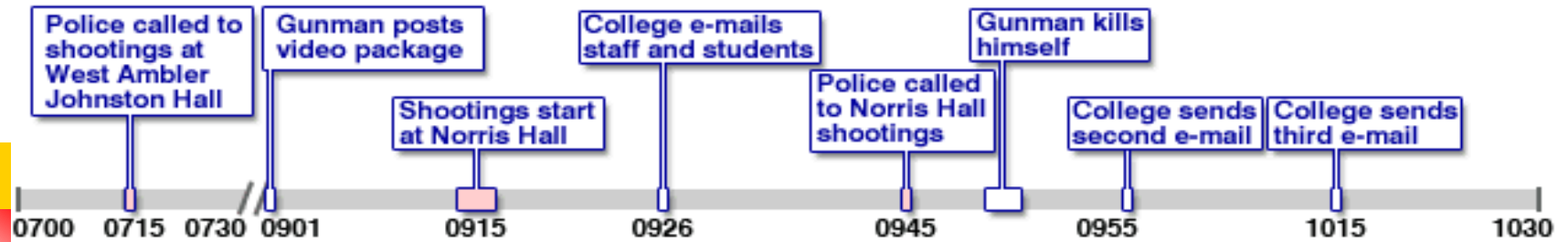


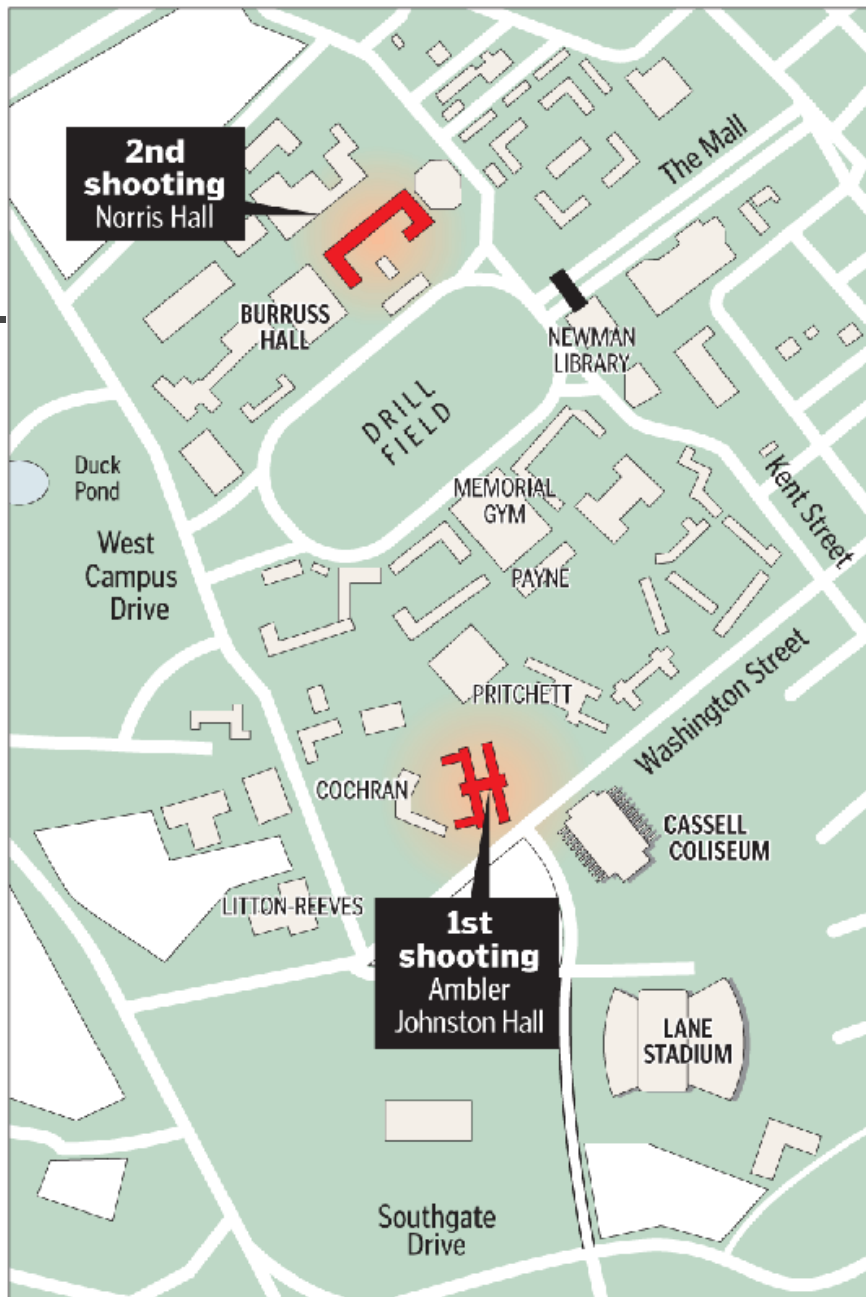
Virginia Tech - April 16, 2007

Seung-Hui Cho, 23

- 32 dead
- 17 injured
- 6 injured escaping



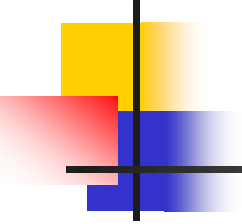




Success Technical Academy (OH) – October 10, 2007

- Asa Coon (14)
- 5 killed
- .22 and .35 calibre handgun



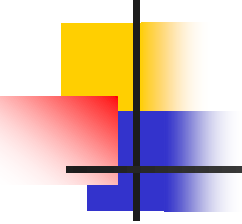
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- Was suspended from school for being involved in a fight
 - Snuck into the school the next day armed with 3 knives, 2 handguns & 2 boxes of ammo
 - Committed suicide after police arrived
 - Security was eliminated due to budget cuts



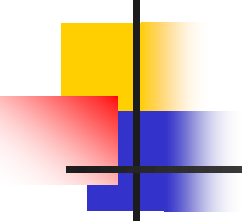
Chardon (OH) High School – Feb 27, 2012

- TJ Lane, 17
- 3 dead
- 2 injured
- .22 Caliber handgun used
- Suspect located by police within 1 mile of the school



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- Posted his intentions on facebook
 - History of psychosis and hallucinations
 - Described as “sad” and had been bullied
 - History of assaultive behavior



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- At sentencing he was given an opportunity to speak to the victim's families. This is his statement:
 - "this hand that pulled the trigger that killed your sons now masturbates to their memory. Fuck all of you" and gestured the middle finger





2013 - 2014

- 11 incidents of school violence
- 13 students and adults died
- 9 students and adults wounded
- 8 occurred in January



Taft Union High School (CA) - January 10, 2013

- Bryan Oliver, 16
- 3 wounded
- Significance of social media
- WARNING SIGNS were ignored





Who was Bryan Oliver?

- He was a very well known time bomb and had published a hit list in the previous year for which he was suspended for 5 days
- He previously identified his targets
- He talked about the large amount of ammo he possessed
- He was a victim of bullying
- He wrote and posted a story online about a bullied student who kills his former tormentors



Arapahoe (CO) High School – December 12, 2013

- Karl Pierson, 18
- 2 dead
- Targeted a teacher who disciplined him

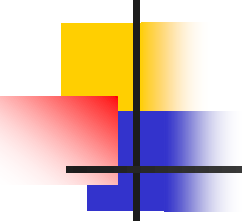




Karl Pierson

- Entered the school through a door propped open
- Anger towards a staff member
- Carried a shotgun, machete, and 2 Molotov cocktails
- Randomly shot twice while walking down the school hallways



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- Shot a student who was unknown to him.
 - Lit a Molotov cocktail
 - Was confronted by the SRO who ordered him to drop his weapon. He committed suicide
 - Was a school athlete and an Eagle Scout



Berrenda Middle School (NM)

– January 14, 2014

- Mason Campbell, 12
- 2 wounded
- Sawed off 20 gauge shotgun
- Incident was planned
- Lasted 10 seconds





Non-Student School Shootings

- Platte Canyon High School - Bailey, CO
- West Nickel Mines School - Lancaster County, PA
- Sandy Hook, CT





Bailey, CO Video



Platte Canyon High School, Bailey, CO - Sept. 27, 2006



- Rural high school, 480 students
- 770 students in district
- 1 student death
- Suspect committed suicide



Platte Canyon High School

- Morrison enters classroom
- Threatens with handgun and claims to possess explosives
- Orders teachers and male students to leave
- Six female hostages
- Sexually assaulted hostages





Platte Canyon High School





Platte Canyon High School

- 8:42 a.m.: Morrison's Jeep is seen arriving in the upper administration parking lot
- 8:44 a.m.: Morrison's Jeep departs
- 8:46 a.m.: Morrison's Jeep is seen in the space where it will later be discovered
It departs eleven minutes later
- 9:44 a.m.: Morrison's Jeep returns
- 10:53 a.m.: Morrison exits Jeep
- 11:40 a.m.: First call from school to Park County Sheriff's office
- 11:43 a.m.: *First officer arrives at school*





Platte Canyon High School

- Negotiations are indirect
- Negotiators get four students released
- Cease at 3:30 pm
- Morrison establishes 4:00 pm deadline
- SWAT entry 3:35 pm





Platte Canyon High School

- Shots fired
- Morrison shoots Emily Keyes
- Morrison commits suicide
- Morrison: 3 non-fatal wounds, 1 fatal, self inflicted





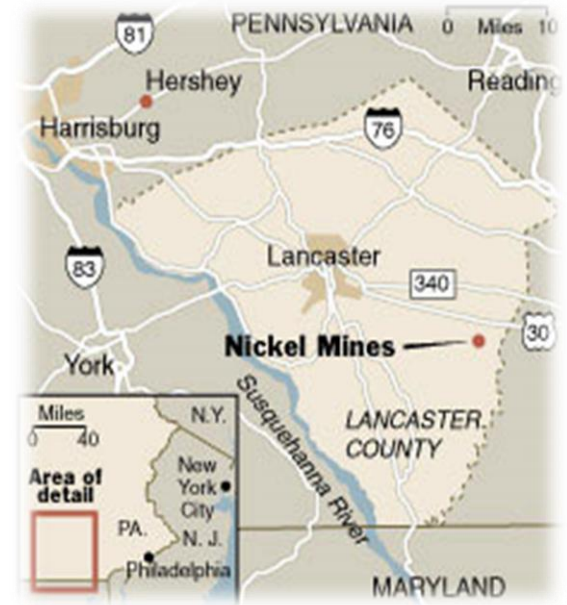
Amish School Video



West Nickel Mines School

Oct. 2, 2006

- Rural Amish school
- 5 students murdered
- 5 injured
- Suspect committed suicide





West Nickel Mines School

- Charles Carl Roberts IV
- 32 years old
- No known connection
- Planning for at least a week



West Nickel Mines School

Brought with:

- lumber
- shotgun, rifle, pistol w/ 600 rounds of ammo
- wooden board w/eye hooks
- wires & chain
- change of clothes
- toilet paper
- stun gun
- cable ties
- sexual lubricant





West Nickel Mines School

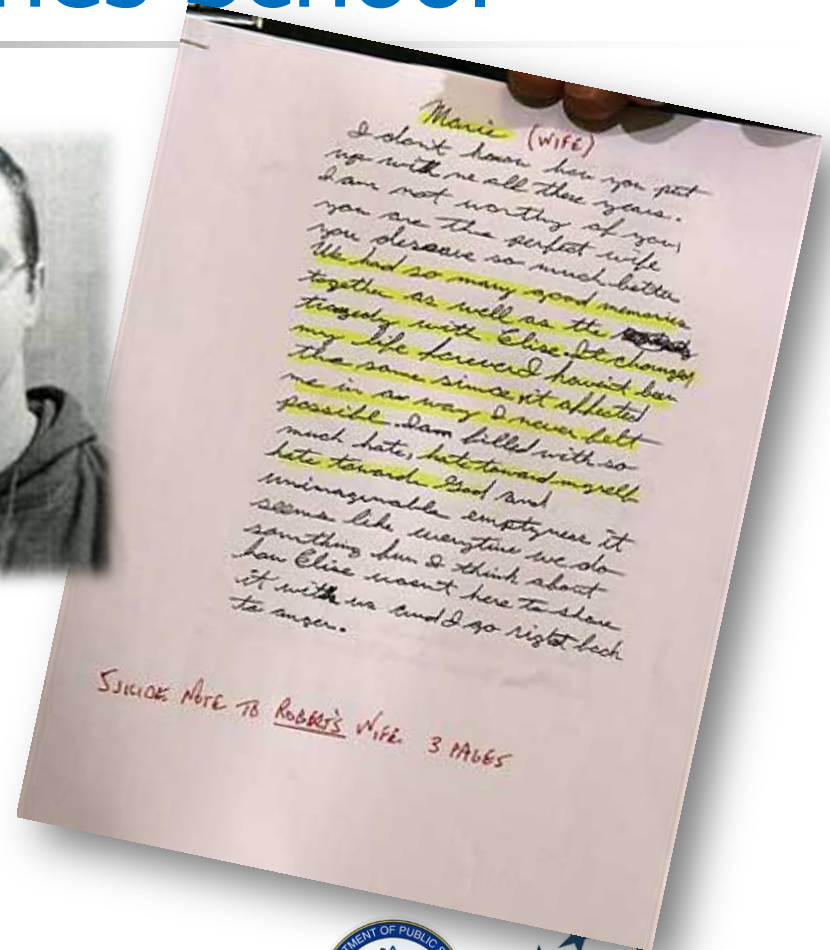
- 03:00 Roberts arrives home from work
- 07:30 Roberts gets children ready for school with wife
- 08:45 Roberts walks children to bus stop
- 09:14 Roberts buys eye bolts, zip ties and hardware from store
- 10:00 Roberts arrives at West Nickel Mines Amish School
- 10:30 Teacher from Amish school calls authorities
- 10:42 First trooper on scene
- 10:50 Roberts calls his wife:
"I am not coming home. The police are here."
- 11:07 Roberts begins shooting



West Nickel Mines School

Motive

- Roberts left suicide notes for wife and three children
- Claimed he'd abused relatives 20 years prior
- Lost a child at birth 9 years earlier



West Nickel Mines School

Speculation by State Police:

- School was close by
- Girls at school
- No security
- Intent of sexual assault
- Revenge



Sandy Hook Elementary

Sandy Hook Elementary (CT) - December 14, 2012

- Adam Lanza, 20
- 27 killed
- 2 injured
- Mother found deceased inside their residence



Sandy Hook

- Adam Lanza entered SHES through locked front door
- Entered main hallway and shot Principal and school Psychologist
- Entered classroom of Kindergarten shooting 14 students and 2 adults. Entered 1st grade room killing 6 students and 2 adults.





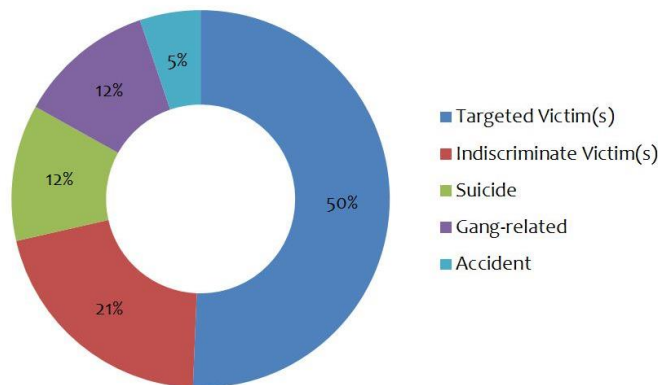
WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?



A snapshot of cases

- 85 violent school incidents 2008-2013
 - Victims targeted: 50%
 - Indiscriminate victims: 21%

School Shooting Victims



Joint Regional Intelligence Center 2013





Snapshot

- Suspects crossed ethnic, religious, gender & socio-economic boundaries
- 64% involved small arms
- 11% involved multiple weapons





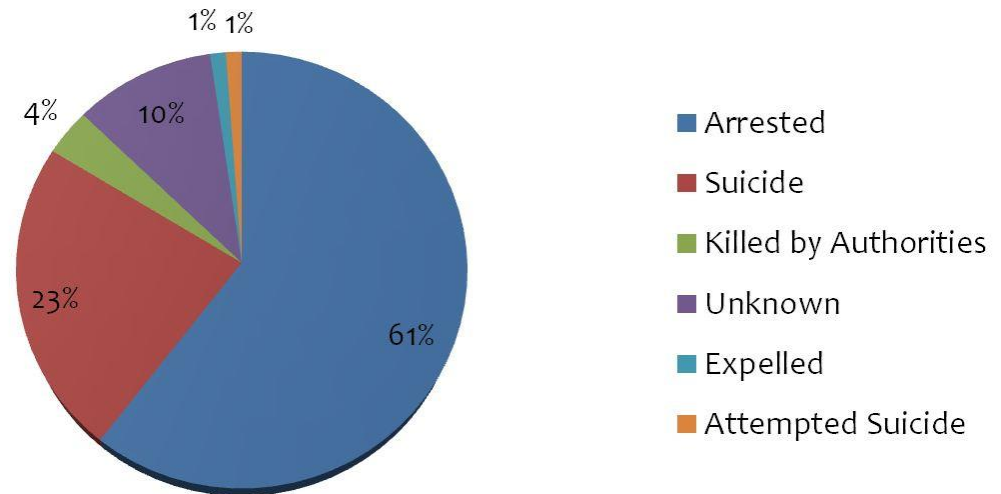
Snapshot

- Incidents involved in 29 states
- 44 incidents in high schools, 20 incidents at university/college, & 20 at elementary or middle schools

Snapshot

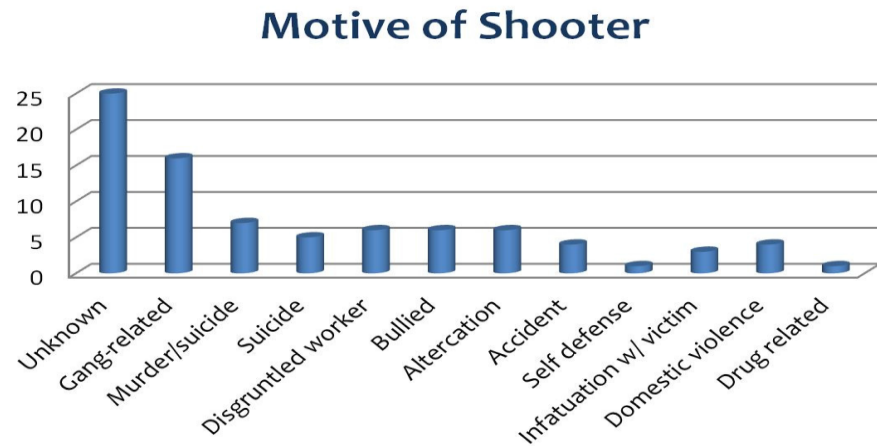
- 61% resolved by arrest
- 23% suicide

Resolution of Incident



Snapshot

- Average age of high school shooter: 14.8
- College shooter: age ranged from 23-43
- Motivation





Theories of Violence

- No particular model is successful in predicting the occurrence of a school shooting





Five Factor Model

1. Perception of being bullied
2. Psychosocial problems
3. Cultural scripts for an armed attack as a model for problem solving
4. Flying below the radar
5. Access to guns

Katherine Newman & Cybelle Fox (2009)





Three Part Composite Model

- Social integration is necessary
- Part 1: Social-structural dimension provides access to basic needs
- Part 2: Institutional dimension provides equal moral status
- Part 3: Socio-emotional dimension

Bockler, Seeger, Sitzler & Heitmeyer (2013)





Theory of Leakage

- Identified in the FBI threat assessment research
- 8 behaviors including:
 - Preoccupation with an attack
 - Noted activities related to an attack
 - Leakage of plans to a third party
 - Communication of desperation





ACTIVE SHOOTER / INTRUDER



What is an "Active Shooter"?

- One or more individuals armed with firearms who have been shooting and continue to shoot even in the presence of police.
- May be mobile and are usually willing to fire upon unarmed citizens and exchange gunfire with police
- Engaging in uncontained activity causing death and serious bodily injury, or posing risk of death or serious injury to potential victims.



School Priorities During “Active Shooter” Situation

- Protect the lives of children, teachers and staff
- Implement Crisis Plan
- Implement “Armed Intruder” procedure
- Notify police
- Provide follow-up counseling to children, teachers, and staff
- Restoration of learning environment



Police Priorities During “Active Shooter” Situations

- Capture or neutralization of the suspect as soon as possible
- Lives of those in proximity of the shooter
 - Lives and safety of citizens in the area
 - Safety of police officers
 - Containment
 - Post event investigation





Competing Priorities?

Schools	Law Enforcement
Protect lives of students & staff	Locate & neutralize threat
Initiate lockdown	Protect lives in the immediate vicinity of the shooter
Implement Emergency Plan	Protect lives of those in the general area
Notify Police	Containment
Post incident recovery	Post incident investigation





Universal Procedures

- Lockdowns
- Lockouts
- Evacuations





Lockdown Enhancements

- Do everything you can, knowing you can't do everything but do Something
- Empower teachers to make decisions
- Arm school staff with communication tools
- TRAIN according to your Emergency Operations Plan





Lockdown Enhancements

- Don't overlook Normalcy Bias
- Be prepared, not scared
- Address school climate – bullying and mental illness
- School safety needs to be built in, not tacked on
- Do Something!





BEST PRACTICES?





Best Practices?

Law enforcement authorities are increasingly advising school officials — and even young students — to physically confront suspects in future campus attacks as a final line of defense.

The advisories represent a major shift in tactics for law enforcement officials who have traditionally counseled potential victims to flee and hide while waiting for authorities to answer calls for help.

- Kevin Johnson, USA TODAY February 2013





Best Practices?

- School EPs should include courses of action to most effectively respond to an *active shooter situation*
- Teach and train on these practices, as deemed appropriate by the school, to minimize the loss of life
- Train staff to overcome denial and to respond immediately fulfilling their responsibilities for individuals in their charge

*Guide for Developing High-Quality School Emergency Operations Plans:
A Closer Look at Active Shooters (USDE, USDHS, FEMA, DOJ, FBI, DHHS)





Best Practices?

- Course of Action:
Run, Hide, Fight

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Best Practices?

- Run

If it is safe to do so for yourself and those in your care, the first course of action that should be taken is to run out of the building and far away until you are in a safe location.

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Best Practices?

- Hide

If running is not a safe option, hide in as safe a place as possible.

Students and staff should be trained to hide in a location where the walls might be thicker and have fewer windows.

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Best Practices?

- Fight

If neither running nor hiding is a safe option, as a last resort when confronted by the shooter, adults in immediate danger should consider trying to disrupt or incapacitate the shooter by using aggressive force and items in their environment.

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Best Practices?

Get Out, Call Out, Hide Out,
Keep Out, Take Out

-University of Wisconsin-Madison Police Chief Susan Riseling

*"If there is no other option, take the
shooter out."*





Best Practices?

- ALICE

"A paradigm shift from passive techniques like traditional lockdown to more proactive responses..."

ALICE Training Institute – Medina, Ohio





Best Practices?

- **Alert** focuses on simple, clear communication. Use plain and specific language. Avoid code words.
- **Lockdown** can be a valid response but should be used as a semi-secure starting point from which to make survival decisions. Barricade the room. Silence mobile devices. Prepare to Evacuate or Counter if needed.
- **Inform** is a continuation of Alert and uses any means necessary to pass on real-time information. Communicate the shooter's whereabouts. Use clear and direct language.





Best Practices?

- **Counter** - actions that create noise, movement, distance and distraction with the intent of reducing the shooter's accuracy. Throw objects to distract the shooter; use body weight and gravity to gain control. Counter is the absolute last resort.
- **Evacuate** is always the preferable response. ALICE training provides techniques for safer and more strategic evacuations. Break windows from the top corner. Move to rally point. Keep hands visible and follow law enforcement commands.





Best Practices?

- Empowerment for teachers
 - Assess the situation
 - Make the best decision for survival
 - Direct students accordingly





Remember

School staff ARE the first responders in a school!





Questions?



schoolsafety.dps.mn.gov

