A Background in the Dialogue on Ending School Shootings

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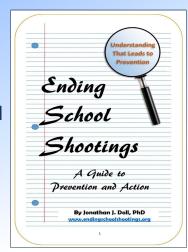




Ending School Shootings

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- Written in response to Arapahoe High School shooting (12/13/13)
- Aims to inspire national dialogue on school shooting prevention
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Let's be honest for a second

- The truth about school shootings in America
- ... And let's pause to reflect on a solution



Some good news for a change Eric Decker's experience and A lifetime game-winning assists Antoinette Tuff's courageous 24 minutes response in Atlanta • 80 seconds Custodian Frank Llerenas, school resource officers/deputy, James Englert, and Rod Mauler for quick response at Arapahoe High School Coach Frank Hall's heroism at 47 seconds Chardon High School, OH A few seconds Teacher Ryan Heber convinced school shooter to disarm in Taft, CA

What was the last fatal school shooting?

2013

• 12-13 Claire Davis (Arapahoe High School)



2014

- 1-21 Andrew Boldt (Purdue University)
- 1-24 Brandon Robinson (South Carolina State University)
- 2-20 Steven L. Jones (Raytown School Success Academy)
- 3-30 Zikarious Flint* (Columbus State University)









Andrew Boldt

Brandon Robinson Steven Jones

Zikarious Flint

Some quick facts, 1999-Present

- <u>1</u> fatal school shooting every <u>41</u> days**
- 76 fatal shootings from Columbine onward
- 209 dead, 272 injured[†] ([†] inc. non-fatal events)
- 3 librarians died
- **36** of **50** states + **DC** affected since 1999 (~70%)

AL AZ AR CA CO CT (DC) DE FL GA IL IN KS KY LA ME MA MI MN MS MO NE NV NM OH OK OR PA SC SD TN TX VA VT WA WV WI AK HI ID IA MD MT NH NJ NY NC ND RI UT WY

^{**} The time period is calculated only from the 2010-2014 partial decade.

8 school shootings at libraries or with librarians; 3 librarians died, [1950-present]

- 1) Dec 13, 2013, Librarian/drama teacher safely escorted from school, but was target in Centennial, CO
- 2) June 7, 2013, Library shooting, 6 killed, 4 injured, CA
- 3) Jan 22, 2013, Shooting next to library, 4 injured, TX
- 4) Sept 28, 2010, Shooting involving library, TX
- 5) Oct 13, 2008, Librarian killed, TX
- 6) Aug 26, 1996, Librarian killed, TX
- 7) June 12, 1972, Library shooting, 7 killed, 2 inured, CA
- 8) Sept 3, 1952, Librarian killed, IA

Thesis Point: How about some solutions?

- 1) Prevention begins in class, in the locker room, in the hallways, in the office, on the field...
- 2) Prevention works best through relationship

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What is Needed

- 1) An effective school/district PBIS system
- 2) A school analysis of bullying/other internal risks
- 3) A school understanding of student threat types (Form 1)
- 4) If possible, an added resource officer focused on <u>relationship</u>; if not possible, then the building staff will perform this role...
- 5) Focusing on building strengths in students (Forms 2, 3, and 4)

