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School Shootings - Are You Ready ?

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Greetings!

Two years ago Amy Bishop, a professor at the University of Alabama Huntsville (UAH) walked into a staff meeting and began shooting until her gun jammed.



In the shadow of this tragic anniversary, 2 school shootings in the last month; Chardon, Ohio and Oakland, California took the lives of more than 10 students.

With these events taking place we felt compelled to provide you information on school shootings, and web resources to assist you in updating your prevention and response protocols in the event a similar condition is lurking in your community.

Thank you for all you do and please let us know how we can improve our service to you.

Jim Rechel - Newsletter Editor

Chardon, Ohio High School Shooting



Chardon police, fire, and emergency response personnel were praised for the effective and professional response related to an active shooter call from the local high school.

The 911 calls for the police and fire departments are available for review should you need a resource to update your training relating

to active shooters in public institutions and locations.

For more info: [Chardon High School 911 Audio](#)

A Timeline: Major U.S. School and College Shootings



With 2 mass murder events in the last month Reuters compiled a timeline of recent school shootings:

- CHARDON, Ohio, February 27, 2012 - A student opened fire in a cafeteria at Chardon High School, killing three students and injuring two others before he was arrested.
- HUNTSVILLE, Alabama, February 12, 2010 - A University of Alabama professor opened fire at a faculty meeting, killing three colleagues and wounding three.
- DEKALB, Illinois, February 14, 2008 - A former graduate student killed five students at Northern Illinois University before killing himself.
- BLACKSBURG, Virginia, April 16, 2007 - A student killed 32 students and faculty at Virginia Polytechnic and State University in the worst single act of gun violence in U.S. history.
- NICKEL MINES, Pennsylvania, October 2, 2006 - An armed dairy truck driver selected the female students at a one-room Amish schoolhouse and shot them execution-style, killing five. The man then shot himself.

Editors Note: The book Amish Grace (also a TV Movie) profiles the forgiving spirit of the Amish victims' families as they forgave the gunman who murdered their children at Nickel Mines. We used the book in our Adult Sunday School class and it created a great discussion on forgiveness in the face of unbelievable tragedy.

- RED LAKE INDIAN RESERVATION, Minnesota, March 21, 2005 - A 16-year-old high school student killed seven people and wounded several others in a shooting rampage after first killing two others off campus. He then killed himself.
- TUCSON, Arizona, October 29, 2002 - A failing student shot and killed three professors and then himself in a rampage at the University of Arizona School of Nursing.
- LITTLETON, Co., April 20, 1999 - Two students killed 12 students and a teacher and wounded more than 20 others before killing themselves at Columbine High School.
- JONESBORO, Ark., March 24, 1998 - Two boys, ages 11 and 13, fired on their middle school from woods, killing four girls and a teacher and wounding 11 others.
- AUSTIN, Texas, August 1, 1966 - A University of Texas student and former Marine killed 16

people and wounded 32 others in and around the campus. He was shot dead by a police officer.

-- BATH TOWNSHIP, Mich., May 18, 1927 - Forty-five people were killed, including 38 elementary students, and 58 injured in three bombings by a school board treasurer enraged by higher taxes in the deadliest act of violence at a U.S. school.

Initial Details: Oikos University - Oakland, CA School Shooting

One Goh, the former Oikos University student accused of killing seven people at the college's campus in Oakland, Calif., told authorities he was upset with being expelled and had sought out a female college official who was not present, the city's police chief said Tuesday.

Read more at: [Police Release Details of First Minutes of University Shooting](#)

Organizations Dealing with School Violence

Various resources are available for your organization or department. A few of those recommended by Michigan State University Criminal Justice Department are provided below:

Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence <http://www.Colorado.EDU/cspv/>

Violence in America has reached epidemic proportions. Today, all Americans are touched directly or indirectly by violent acts. In response, the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence (CSPV) was founded in 1992 with a grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York to provide informed assistance to groups committed to understanding and preventing violence, particularly adolescent violence. Since that time, our mission has expanded to encompass violence across the life course. Located at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

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Hamilton Fish Institute

<http://www.hamfish.org/>

As part of its mission to make schools safer for learning, this institute has compiled information on school violence and assessment tools for tracking school violence.

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National Alliance for Safe Schools

<http://www.safeschools.org/>

School violence is not only an urban problem. Today, all schools must have an active plan for creating and maintaining a healthy and safe environment for students and faculty.

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National Association of School Safety and Law Enforcement Officers

<http://www.nassleo.org/>

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National Clearinghouse for Educational Facilities Disaster Preparedness for Schools

Resource List

<http://www.edfacilities.org/rl/disaster.cfm>

NCEF's resource list of links, books, and journal articles on building or retrofitting schools to withstand natural disasters and terrorism, developing emergency preparedness plans, and using school buildings to shelter community members during emergencies.

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National Education Association**School Safety**

<http://www.nea.org/home/16364.htm>

Statements, publications, and advice from the NEA.

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National Resource Center for Safe Schools

Also know as **SafetyZone**

<http://www.safetyzone.org/>

Funded by the U.S. Departments of Justice and Education, this center works with schools, communities, State and local education agencies, and others to create safe learning environments and prevent school violence. The Center helps schools develop and implement comprehensive safe school plans, provides onsite training and consultation to schools and communities, creates and distributes resource materials and tools, provides Web-based information services, and partners with State-level agencies to increase State capacity to assist local education agencies.

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National School Safety and Security Services

<http://www.schoolsecurity.org/>

A Cleveland (Ohio)-based, leading national consulting firm specializing in school security and crisis preparedness training, security assessments, and related safety consulting for K-12 schools, law enforcement, public safety and other youth safety providers. President, Ken Trump. Web page also offers free resources as well, including:

- Heightened school security procedures during terrorist threats
- Biological & chemical threats (including anthrax, mail handling)
- 2002 National School Resource Officer Survey on terrorism & school safety
- General recommendations related to terrorism and school safety
- 9/11 anniversary issues
- Additional information sources

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National School Safety Center

<http://www.schoolsafety.us/>

To serve as a catalyst and advocate for the prevention of school crime and violence by providing information and resources and identifying strategies and promising programs which support safe schools for school children worldwide. Web site includes resources for educators, parents, and reporters, plus web links.

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U.S. Department of Education**Emergency Planning****Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools**

<http://www.ed.gov/emergencyplan/>

"U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige has unveiled this new web resource designed to be a one-stop shop that provides school leaders with information they need to plan for any emergency, including natural disasters, violent incidents and terrorist acts."

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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (NASRO)

Another organization is right in Hoover, Alabama and it is the National Association of School Resource Officers.

The National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) is a not-for-profit organization for school based law enforcement officers, school administrators, and school security/safety professionals. Our members work as partners to protect students, school faculty and staff and the schools they attend. With over 2,500 members, NASRO provides its members with:

- Up-to-date officer and administrator training, featuring reduced rates for NASRO members.
- An annual conference each summer, featuring nationally-recognized speakers and educators.
- The award-winning Journal of School Safety, published quarterly.
- Networking opportunities and support.
- Online access to lesson plans and sample documents.
- Exclusive discount programs with T-Mobile and Enterprise.

Link to thier website: [NASRO](#)

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Click the Course Name link to view details and enroll.

Title	Course #	Begins	Meets	Fee
Investigating Sexual Assault Crimes	12CP115	04/05/12	Th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, 1 Session	0.00
Warrant Affidavit Preparation	12CP116	04/12/12	Th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, 1 Session	0.00
Bomb Threat Response II	12CP117	04/17/12	Tu from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, 1 Session	0.00
Cultural Diversity and Elder Abuse	12CP118	04/19/12	Th from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, 1 Session	0.00
Statement Analysis I (University of Montevallo)** FULL **	12CP120	04/26/12	Th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, 1 Session	0.00
Bomb Threat Response I (Rainsville, AL)	12CP119	04/27/12	F from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, 1 Session	0.00
Statement Analysis I	12CP122	05/15/12	Tu from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, 1 Session	0.00

[Statement Analysis II](#)

12CP112 06/12/12 Tu from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, 1 0.00
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