

A Background in the Dialogue on Ending School Shootings

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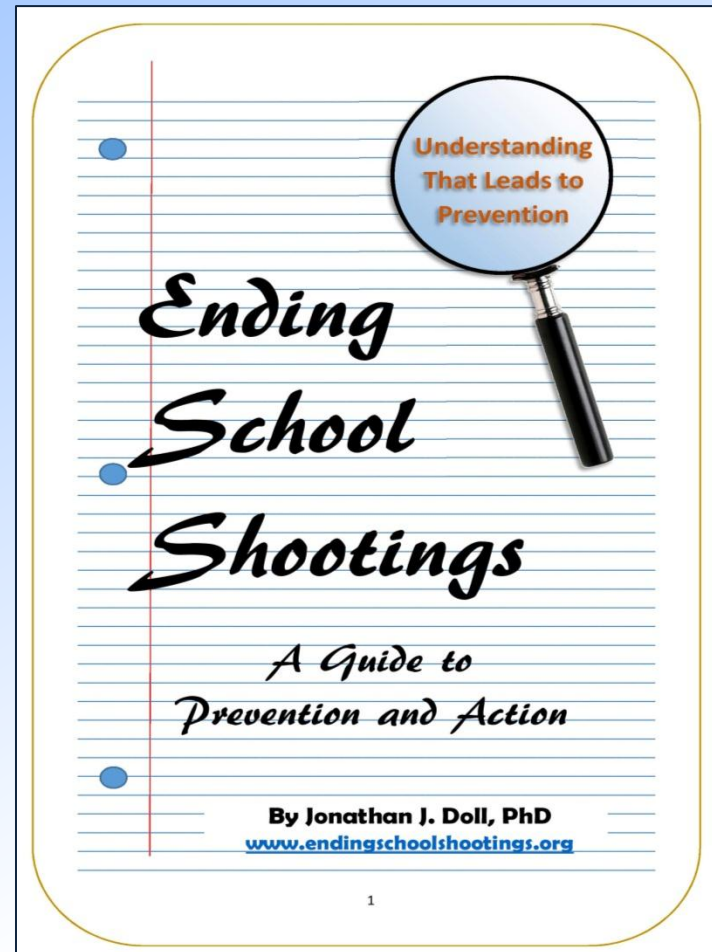
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Ending School Shootings

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- **W**ritten in response to Arapahoe High School shooting (12/13/13)
- **A**ims to inspire national dialogue on school shooting prevention
- **F**inished in 32 days, was under contract in 41 days



Let's be honest for a second

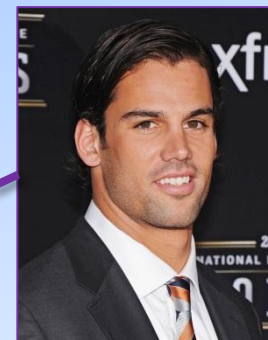
- The truth about school shootings in America
- ... And let's pause to reflect on a solution



Some good news for a change

- A lifetime

Eric Decker's experience and game-winning assists



- 24 minutes

Antoinette Tuff's courageous response in Atlanta



- 80 seconds

Custodian *Frank Llerenas*, school resource officers/deputy, *James Englert*, and *Rod Mauler* for quick response at Arapahoe High School



- 47 seconds

Coach *Frank Hall's* heroism at 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?

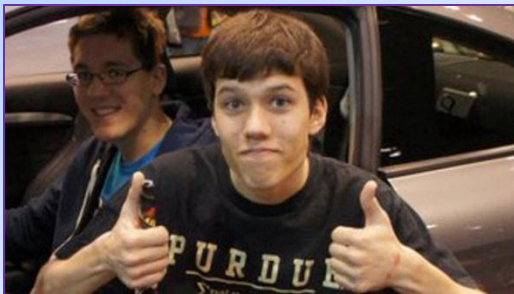
2013

- **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)



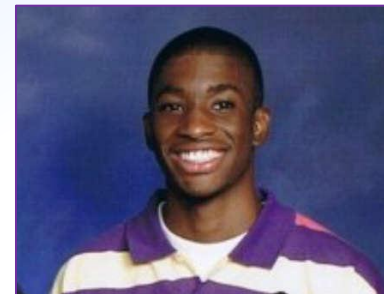
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Some quick facts, 1999-Present

- **1** fatal school shooting every **41** 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 injured, 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 relationship; if not possible, then the building staff will perform this role...
- 5) Focusing on building strengths in students
(**Forms 2, 3, and 4**)

Let's Open this up for discussion



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