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**CONNECTICUT'S BIPARTISAN TASK FORCE ON
GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND CHILDREN'S SAFETY**

NEWTOWN PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday January 30, 2013

The Bipartisan Task Force on Gun Violence Prevention and Children's Safety will hold an informational public hearing at Newtown High School from 6:00 p.m. – midnight on Wednesday, January 30.

Sign-up for the informational public hearing will begin at 4:30 p.m. **Due to ongoing school activities, no public hearing participants will have access to parking or the building until 4:30 p.m.** Anyone arriving for the public hearing at Newtown High School prior to that time will be turned away by local security.

The address is:

Newtown High School
12 Berkshire Road
Newtown, CT 06482

The 6:00 p.m. - 11 p.m. portion of the hearing is reserved for testimony from local officials, local first responders and families of the Sandy Hook Elementary School system. Speaking order for the general public will then be determined by a lottery system. If local officials, first responders and Sandy Hook Elementary school families have not completed their remarks by 11:00 p.m., their time will be extended to midnight. If they have completed their testimony before midnight, the hearing will be opened to the general public.

Lottery numbers will be drawn from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Speakers arriving after the completion of the lottery will have their names placed at the end of the speaker list. The list of speakers registered by the lottery system will be posted outside of the hearing room at 6:00 p.m.

The auditorium is limited to a capacity of 850 people. Once capacity is reached, the main entrance will be closed.

All speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. All public hearing testimony, written and spoken, is public information. As such, it may be made available on the task force website and indexed by internet search engines. The task force requests that all testimony for this hearing be submitted electronically to asaferconnecticut@cga.ct.gov.

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