

**My name is SFC Micah Welintukonis. A 3 combat tour veteran, and in July of this year I was severely wounded in Afghanistan while rescuing fellow Americans soldiers. How ever I come to you today as a private citizens, and as a Parent.**

**Since the Columbine High School shooting in 1999, there have been over 40 school shootings in the United States and even more world wide.**

**Some examples:**

<b>April 16, 2007 Blacksburg, Va.</b>	A 23-year-old Virginia Tech student, Cho Seung-Hui, killed two in a dorm, then killed 30 more 2 hours later in a classroom building. His suicide brought the death toll to 33, making the shooting rampage the most deadly in U.S. history. Fifteen others were wounded.
<b>Jan. 5, 2011 Houston, Texas</b>	Two people opened fire during a Worthing High School powder-puff football game. One former student died. Five other people were injured.
<b>Dec. 8, 2011 Blacksburg, Virginia</b>	A Virginia Tech police officer was shot and killed by a 22-year old student of Radford University. The shooting took place in a parking lot on Virginia Tech's campus
<b>April 2, 2012 Oakland, Calif.</b>	One Goh, a 43-year-old former student at Oikos University, a Christian school populated by mostly Korean and Korean-Americans, opened fire on the campus, killing seven people and wounding several others

**Vice Principal Joel Myrick held his Colt .45 point blank to the high school boy's head He unlocked the door, removed his gun from its case, removed a round of bullets from another case, loaded the gun and went looking for the killer. "I've always kept a gun in the truck just in case something like this ever happened," said Myrick, who has since become Principal of Corinth High School, Corinth, Miss**

**Myrick is as much of a hero as the law would allow. He was only seconds away from the shootings, yet the law had him far away from his gun**

**University of Texas tower shootings in 1966. While the gunman was able to snipe from a bell tower and kill 13 people, the situation changed once nearby civilians and police officers started firing back 20 minutes into his rampage**

**The FBI has stated that 40% of international mass transit attacks from 1920 to 2000 used buses as targets. More specifically, a compilation of terrorist incidents with schools as targets shows that about 37% of school terrorist attacks have focused on buses**

**The big problem**

**There hasn't been an agreement as to whether it should be armed educators or on-duty law enforcement presence; but it stands to reason that nothing deters someone intent on killing unarmed victims, than the potential of meeting another gun.**

**President Barack Obama's two daughters attend Sidwell Friends School in Washington, D.C., where they have been protected by 11 armed guards, with a twelfth to be hired. Plus, the two daughters have Secret Service protection.**

**Utah has allowed school personnel to carry concealed weapons for 12 years, as does Hawaii, New Hampshire, and Oregon. Delaware and Ohio allow concealed carry of a firearm if a school district authorizes it. After the Newtown shooting, officials in Tennessee, Virginia, and Missouri called**

for guns in schools.

Response time is exactly the problem, according to George Mason University school of law Professor Nelson Lund points out, police and government are powerless to respond to emergency calls in time to protect citizens from criminal

Average response times from the time a 911 call was placed and the determination, and the information was disseminated to the officer, then the arriving on scene ranged from 9-11 minutes in a major city!

Seattle in 2011 for responding to priority 911 calls had brought their average time down to 6.1 minutes. The determination made in "priority" was in such emergencies as a burglary in progress, an assault or crime where a weapon is being used.

I have google CT police response times, and have yet to find any documentation on it, I'd be willing to bet its very similar.

According to cnn it 20 mins for police and first responders to arrive at sandy hook.

By no means am I saying we should just arm teachers, and staff.

**Possible Solutions:**

**Arming teachers and staff with non lethal ammunition**

**Allow certain pistol permit holders to carry on school property. For example: I can personally tell you I've had more training with firearms than most cops, but yet I am not legally allowed to carry at school**

**Train staff in tactical first aid like the army's combat lifesaver program.**

**Fix 911 systems problems as in my town state police 1<sup>st</sup> then its transferred to local PD**

**CT has how many on unemployment, instead of sitting on your but, here's a radio, go stand in that area of the school.**

**Hire Veterans**

**According to the New Haven register percentage of Connecticut veterans out of work was as high as 15.5 percent last year**

**In closing: Conventional policing isn't working anymore for these unconventional shootings. Unfortunately there will be many more. I'm not trained as a cop, and I don't think like one, I think outside the box I have other ideas and other possible solutions, and they have been given to my state rep Tim Ackert, and for security reasons I'm not discussing them with the general public. Thank you for your time.**