

Sandy Hook

I followed the tragic event at Sandy Hook as they developed and like everyone else I was sad, sick and outraged.

We have all been exposed to the T.V. coverage, newspapers, and talk shows for weeks now.

We have watched, listened, or read about opinions from reasonable people, anti-gun nuts, gun nuts, Hollywood actors, and posturing politicians. Everyone understands that we must learn from this horrific event and try and take meaningful steps to try and minimize the chances of this happening again.

I have been involved with hunting and shooting for over fifty years. I am a veteran. I am a husband. I am a father and a grandfather. I come from a police family and two of my children are veteran police officers. I am a NRA member. I have a pistol permit. I have never been arrested. I am like many, many other concerned and law abiding citizens and now I feel an obligation to present some reasonable suggestions to be considered by rational people. We can and must find some productive and reasonable common ground.

School Security

Assign a uniformed and armed police officer to each school. This provides a level of security and deterrent and it also can build a bond with students that might identify troubled peers that need help.

This security can be financed through re-distribution of tax monies from truly wasteful, “pork like” spending.

Guns

Semi-automatic rifles (hunting style, and “assault” style rifles).

Limit magazine capacities to five or ten depending on local hunting laws. Magazine capacity would not be limited within one’s own dwelling. Larger existing magazines could be “plugged or pinned” to the legal limit. Larger magazines could be used at shooting ranges or on private property but the larger magazines would have to be transported in a separate locked container.

Handguns

Limit magazine size to original manufactures capacity, no aftermarket extensions.

Ammunition

A hunting license, gun handling certificate, or gun club membership and picture ID would be required to purchase *rifle or shotgun ammunition*. These purchases would be recorded the same as when buying a firearm.

A pistol permit or gun handling certificate and picture ID would be required to purchase *handgun ammunition*. These purchases would be recorded the same as when buying a firearm.

Video Games

Develop or enforce strict age limits on purchasing violent/graphic games. Encourage parents to pressure stores and on-line sales outlets to stop selling these games by “boycotting”. Parents—CONTROL YOUR OWN HOUSE.

Violent movies/TV

Pressure TV stations, movie theaters to be selective in what they show and what sponsors support.

Pressure Hollywood producers and actors to limit developing and acting in productions using extreme violence and gore for the sake of the shock factor.

Laws

Standardize strict national enforced sentencing of those illegally carrying guns and convicted in gun related crimes—no plea bargains.

Develop a system of reporting gun related crimes or other serious crimes against people to a “permit review” system with the ability to revoke pistol permits and block ammunition purchasing.

Develop national standardized pistol permitting, and gun and ammunition purchasing.

Immediately stop the practice of “early release” of known violent criminals.

Develop or enforce laws that hold careless gun owners responsible for injuries caused by unlocked or un-secured guns.

Mental health/substance abuse

Strengthen education and rehab programs—revisit practice of letting violent individuals into the community because of a lack of proper facilities.

