

My name is Mathew Hemby, folks just call me Bill.

I have attended both the hearings prior to this one and of course will be at the high school. As an Elder at Newtown Christian Church I have taken on the role of eyes and ears for our church.

I did not intend to speak today. As I honestly did not feel qualified to address the issue at hand.

Even though I did volunteer at a state hospital two days a week for three whole years.

The reason I rise to speak is Friday's hearing on school safety was attended much like today's.

However yesterday's..... not so....and.... THAT BOTHERS ME A LOT

Mad men attacked two schools; one hacked people with a machete - 31 children and adults. The other shot and killed 26 defenseless children, adults and his sleeping mother.

These two attacks on society had two things in common; the attack took place at a school and deranged person perpetrated them.

Yet I believe the least useful ideas have gotten the most attention.

Forgive my analogy ...but in the fight for our children's safety we are leading with our nose.

Those predisposed to do these acts must be dealt with.

Ask the PHD's how to and make them prove the values and results of their methods.

Fix the school safety issues raised in the hearings and for the love of these children don't tell the world how you accomplish it!!!

Stay away from constitutional fights....get your face out of the cameras ... and put your butts to work.