## BRIEF TO THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## Safe and Secure Schools





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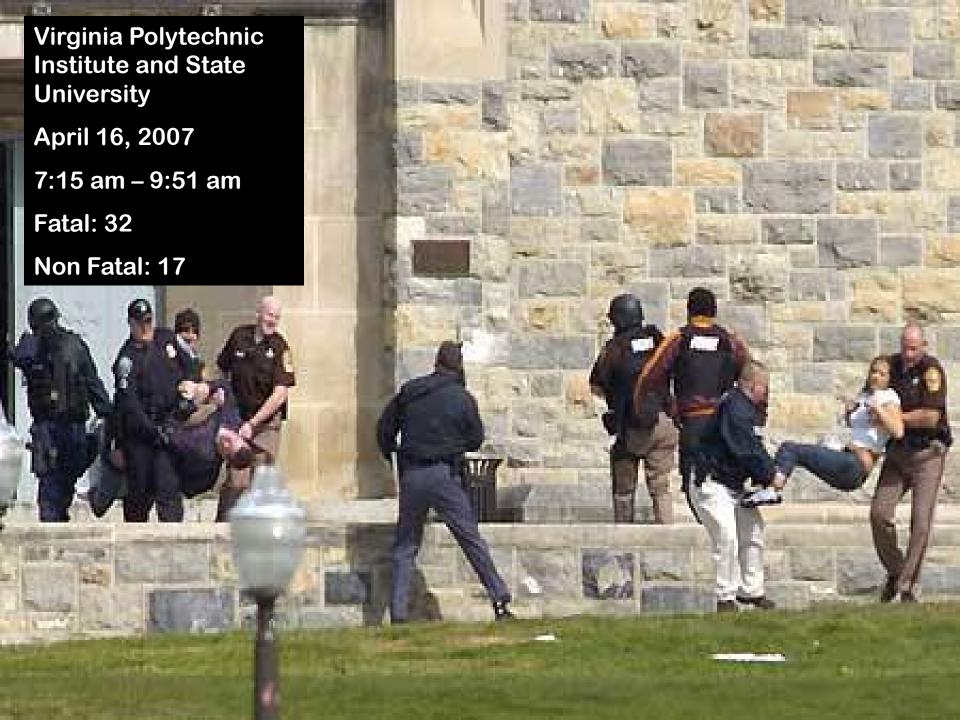
## **ACTIVE SHOOTER**

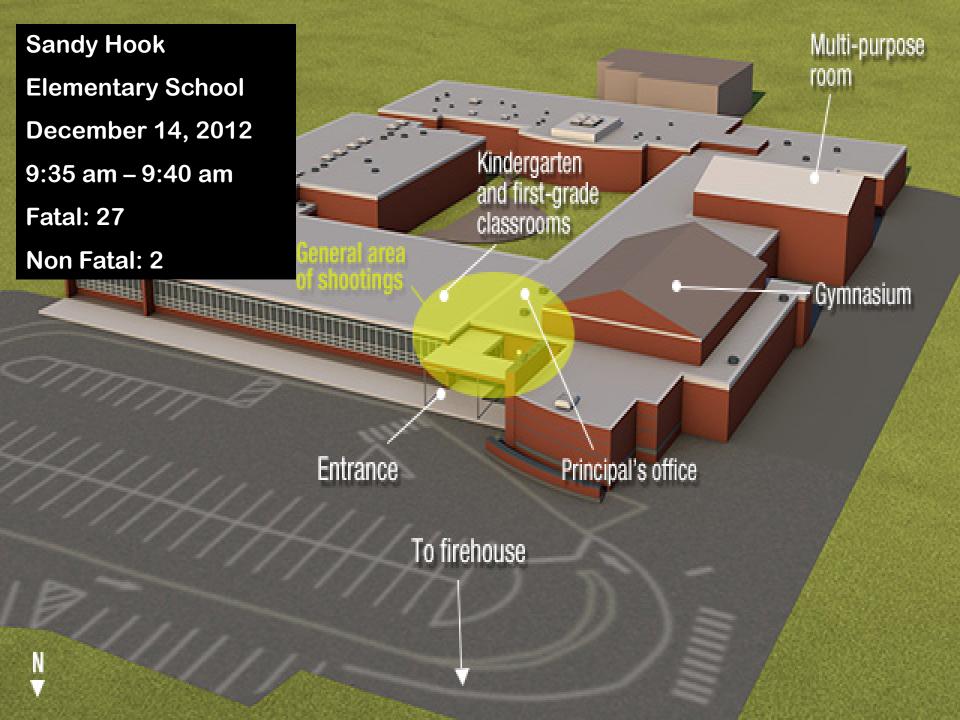
 An active shooter is defined as "an armed person who has used deadly physical force on other persons and continues to do so while having unrestricted access to additional victims".





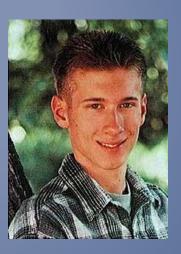


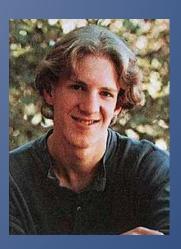




## PROFILE OF A SHOOTER

- No accurate profile of a shooter
- Variety of racial and ethnic background
- Ages range from 11 to 21 years old
- Intact families with ties to the community
- Foster homes
- Academic performance from excellent to failure





## PROFILE OF A SHOOTER

Few diagnosed with mental disorder

 Less than 1/3 had a history of drug or alcohol abuse



### **INDICATORS**

- 93% behaved in a way causing concern
- 71% felt bullied or threatened by others
- 68% obtained guns from home or relatives
- 63% had a known history of weapons use
- 17% previous diagnosed of mental health or behavior disorder

## SHOOTING TIMELINE

Lasts no more than 20 minutes

47% lasted no more than 15 minutes



25% lasted no more than 5 minutes



- Almost all attackers were current students at their school and in most incidents acted alone.
- 54% of the attacker selected at least one school administrator, faculty or staff member



## LOCKDOWN DRILLS

Klebold and Harris spent about eight minutes walking down the halls, looking into the science classrooms, and making eye contact with some of the students, but they didn't try very hard to get into any of the rooms. Students stay huddled and hidden in many of the classrooms with the doors locked. But locks wouldn't have been much protection if the gunmen had really wanted to get in...

#### THE PLAIN DEALER

## Metal detectors approved for schools

### Security devices in 111 buildings to cost \$3.3 million

JOSEPH L. WAGNER Plain Dealer Reporter

All of Cleveland's 50,000 public-school students could face metal detectors and airport-style X-ray machines as early as next Friday in the wake of the shootings at SuccessTech Academy.

The state Friday authorized the district to spend \$2.5 million of surplus capital-improvements

money toward the \$3.3 million purchase of security devices. Metal detectors will be installed in all 111 buildings, plus all 16 high schools will also have X-ray screening machines.

The Ohio School Facilities Commission contributes \$2 of every \$3 spent on the \$1 billion Cleveland schools construction program. The money for security devices will come from the \$200

million so-called "warm, safe and dry" fix-up for repairs like roofs and windows, heating and cooling, and fire hazards.

The announcement was made by Gov. Ted Strickland, who had been asked by school officials to fast-track their request.

The school district will put \$800,000 toward the security system. The local contribution comes from a \$335 million bond issue voters approved in 2001.

"I need to do whatever we can to ensure the safety of students, staff and visitors," said Dan Burns, the schools' chief operating officer, whose responsibilities include security.

He said Friday that he will also ask the school board to spend \$3.7 million to hire 50 more full-time armed security guards to patrol schools and up to 150 part-time guards to operate the screening equipment.

Burns said the district would

buy one metal detector for every 500 students in a school. This means, for example, a typical elementary school will have one while a school such as John Marshall High School with nearly 2,000 students will have four.

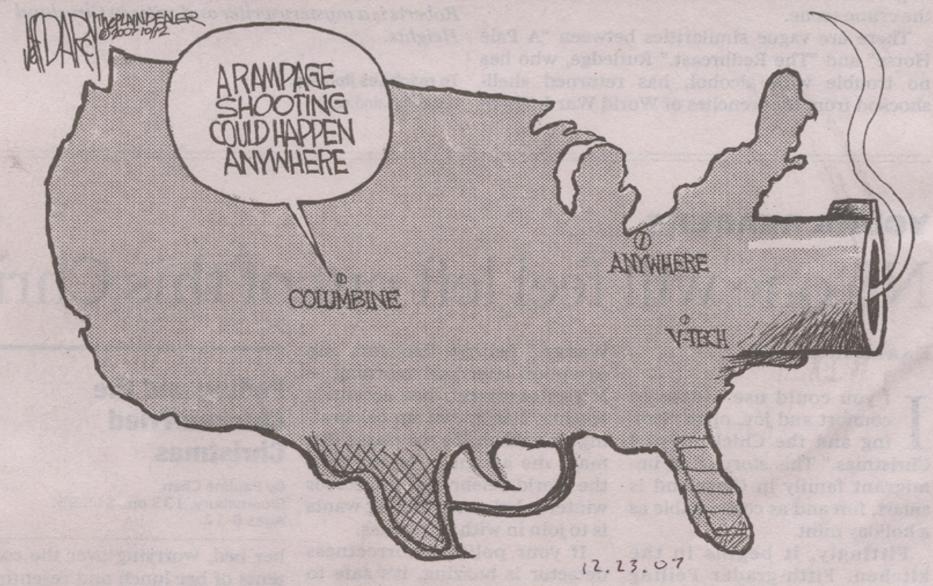
Schools Chief Executive Eugene Sanders has been criticized by SuccessTech parents, who said they tried for three years to get the district to install a metal detector at the school and hire a second security guard.

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"I don't think metal detectors and video cameras are the answer."

U.S. Secret Service
U.S. Department of Education

Schools should create a climate of safety and respect filled with opportunities for the adults and students to have meaningful relationships and open communication...



#### It happened here

Cleveland couldn't dodge the bullet any longer. And when 14-year-old Asa Coon shot and wounded four people before killing himself at SuccessTech Academy in October, the shock ran deep.

OH Shootings with one death or more 30 Shootings with 47 no deaths

## HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Post Sandy Hook

- Robust Lockdown Drills with police observing
- Full scale Lockdown Exercise with First Responders
- SSA Annual Training involving First Responders
- Re-visiting School Design and Layout

### SSEPB TRAINING

- Emergency Drills: Lockdown, Evacuation etc...
- Principal/Vice Principals Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness Trainings
- Red Team Intruder Drills
- Threat Assessments in Schools
- School Security Attendants: It's all about Relationships
- Diffusing conflict with Peace Building Strategies
- Building Safe School Climates: Honor, Dignity, Respect
- Professionalism: Appearance, Attitude, Demeanor



# Working together



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