

Time and Math: Our Enemy in Defeating Active Killers

Dear Representative,

The statistics are sobering. Former Army officer and active killer researcher Ed Monk has spent the past 16 years lecturing on stopping killers in our schools. His results are so clear, yet so little has changed in how we respond.



- ✓ First minute, new victim is shot every three to five seconds.
- ✓ Second minute, a new victim is shot every six to eight seconds.
- ✓ Third minute, a new victim is shot every 10-12 seconds.
- ✓ The rate will continue to decrease with time unless the attacker finds a new group of potential victims or reshoots previously wounded.

As you can see, proven by more than three decades of failure, little has changed with the standard response of “Call 911” and hope the SRO (somewhere on campus) shows up soon or that the police and sheriff’s office arrive in time. The dead and wounded reflect the harsh reality.

- ✓ 1989 Stockton, CA. 35 shot.
- ✓ 1999 Littleton, CO 34 shot despite an SRO on campus
- ✓ 2012 Newtown, CT 28 shot
- ✓ 2018 Parkland, FL 34 shot despite an SRO on campus.
- ✓ 2018 Sante Fe, TX 23 shot despite two SROs on campus
- ✓ 2022 Uvalde, TX 38 shot

Time and Math do not lie. To keep the victim count in the single digits if an attacker is shooting inside a school, they absolutely must be stopped within thirty seconds of the first shots being fired.

To accomplish this goal, we must have immediate action from staff members who are close enough to hear the shots, willing to immediately respond, and trained in armed response to the active shooter. Each school, no doubt, has staff members who would raise their hands and say, “send me to training.”

Where civilians have responded quickly to active shooters, their success rate is nearly 90%. Most recently, Eli Dickens, a 22-year-old from Greenwood, Indiana took down an active shooter in the local mall just 15 seconds after the gunman emerged from a bathroom with an AR-15 and started shooting mall patrons. Dickens hit the killer with 8 of 10 rounds from his Glock pistol starting at 42 yards away, closing distance as he fired.

To test the concept of training and arming educators, the Iowa Firearms Coalition sponsored an Educator Academy in August of 2023. 16 scholarships were offered. Participants were chosen from applicants employed by public and private schools as administration staff and teachers. Due to insurance coverage concerns with Des Moines based EMC, three participants were forced to drop out just hours before the training began.

During three long days, the trainees received four hours of classroom instruction from Ed Monk of Last Resort Firearms on the active shooter threat in our schools, followed by 32 hours of live

fire and “force on force” simulations. Tactical instruction was conducted by law enforcement and military trainer Adam Winch of Defenders-USA, while marksmanship fundamentals and trauma medicine were taught by IFC chair and certified firearms instructor John McLaughlin.

Results:

Each educator/administrator was tested in timed range qualification using modified FBI scoring adapted by IFC. Unlike FBI standards, shots outside the shaded target outline resulted in disqualification. 50 rounds were fired for a total possible score of 250 points.

- ✓ Applicants were required to shoot 90% or higher (225 points)
- ✓ Average score of the 13 applicants: 93% (233 points)
- ✓ Number of applicants achieving IFC qualification standards (90% or greater and no shots outside shaded target) 10
- ✓ (If FBI 80% standard had been applied 12/13 applicants would have qualified).

The IFC pilot program shows that willing educators and administrators can be trained to competency in approximately 40 hours with around a 75 percent pass rate. Those that did not “qualify” were encouraged to seek additional training and instruction toward their goal of being safe and accurate concealed weapon permit holders.

The Iowa Firearms Coalition fully supports School Resource Officers, but Time and Math demonstrate that multiple armed and trained willing school staff, with one or more always in a position to hear or even see the first gunshot, would dramatically cut down on loss of life and prevent the double digit death tolls we have seen since the 1980s. Let’s get behind our schools with a data-driven solution and insurance coverage.

A detailed video of the IFC Educator Academy can be found here. <http://tinyurl.com/bdf2zjvk>

Yours in protection of life,

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