The Washington Post found an average of 10 school shootings per year since Columbine. Less than three months into 2018, there have been 12 shootings, already making this year among the worst on record.
In 1997, over 25% of LASD on-duty shootings involved a Suicide by Cop Suspect.
Two school boys were arrested in bloody rampage at Westside Middle School (Jonesboro, Arkansas. Four girls and a teacher killed, 11 others wounded.
The killings were meticulously planned, with heavy gunfire and more than 30 bombs — some with booby traps — planted in and around Columbine High School. With 15 people dead, 23 others wounded.
A 15-year-old freshman at Santana High School, who had talked about taking a weapon to school, killed two schoolmates and wounded 13 others.
18 year-old Jason Hoffman, assumed a sniper position and began shooting in front of Granite Hills High School before police shot and injured him. Four suffered gunshot wounds and three others hurt during the incident.
Student, Cho Seung-Hui, opened fire in a dormitory and classroom building on the Virginia Tech campus, killing 32 people before committing suicide.
290 School Shootings In America Since 2013
RALLY SUPPORTING GUN CONTROL AT GUNN HIGH SCHOOL IN PALO ALTO
Threat to Palo Alto High School

March 2018
Virginia Tech
April 16, 2007
Lessons Learned
Improved Awareness and Communication are Key to Prevention

Critical Information Sharing

Where We Know What to Do, We Have to be Better at Doing It
Targeted School Violence

- Study conducted by Secret Service and the US Department of Education
  - Discusses 10 Key Findings
  - Climate for a Safe School
  - Threat Assessment Process
- Campus Attacks (April 2010) – Targeted Violence at Higher Education
  - Reviewed 272 Incidents, involving 281 Deaths & 247 Injuries
Even though Cho never threatened anyone prior to the attack, there were behavioral concerns noted by eight professors, between November 27 and December 15 (2005). He was reported to law enforcement twice (harassment of female students), triaged at Cook County Counseling Center, and mentally evaluated at Psychiatric Hospital.
Assessment Considerations

- Membership of the team
- Establish Policies and Procedures
- Who should be questioned
- What questions should be answered
- Legal Considerations – FERPA (www.ed.gov/offices/om/fpco)
- Documentation
- www.secretservice.gov/ntac.htm
“Safety Plan”

- An overview of the response plan
- Evacuation or Lock-Down
- Staging areas
- Potential tactical issues
- Vehicular traffic issues
- Roster of employees
- Complete Diagrams of the buildings