

NEWS & EVENTS

**The road to violence is long. We are building more offramps...
Off-Ramp launches in May**

www.off-ramp.org

Join us for a 2-hour online training and launch event

Friday, May 14, 2021: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Central Time

**Preventing Targeted Violence:
Data-Driven Strategies in a Post COVID World**

[Register Here!](#)

This event will cover –

- What we know about targeted violence
- Data on school and workplace shooters
- The impact of COVID-19 on targeted violence
- Off-Ramps from Violence - Resources, Training, Policy
- Building a Crisis Response Team
- Social media Safety

Who should attend?

- K-12 school administrators
- K-12 teachers and support staff
- Human Resource specialists
- Security and School Resource Officers
- Legislators and policy makers

VERSION 3 OF THE MASS SHOOTER DATABASE AVAILABLE

The latest version of The Violence Project's database of mass shooters in the United States is now available for download.

The following updates were made to this version of the database –

- Added 2020 cases
- New variable – was the perpetrator an insider or an outsider?
- New variable – was psychiatric hospitalization voluntary or involuntary?
- New variable – years or life lost for each victim based on life expectancy
 - In total, nearly 40,000 years of life have been lost to mass shootings since 1966

LOOKING FORWARD

- Jill Peterson will speak at the [Minnesota Association of School Administrators Spring Conference](#) on March 11.
- Jill Peterson will speak on “[Extremism and Violence in a Hyperconnected World](#)” at an online event on March 25 for the Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence.
- James Densley will speak at the [Forensic Mental Health Association of California's 46th Annual Conference](#) on March 31.

The new Off-Ramp website will include the following -

- Online training in mass violence prevention
 - Schools violence prevention certificate
 - Workplace violence prevention certificate
 - Law enforcement / security violence prevention certificate
 - Crisis intervention and de-escalation training
 - How to build a Crisis Response team training

- New evidence-based threat assessment protocol for schools
 - Updated model grounded in research and developed in partnership with the Minnesota School Safety Center and the United States Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center
 - Fillable forms for schools to use
- Public policy overview for mass violence prevention
- National resource list
 - For people in crisis or people worried that someone they know is in crisis
 - Connections to long-term mental health resources
 - Advocacy and volunteer opportunities
 - Both national and state specific resources

RECENT MEDIA

- **New Research:** New study published in JAMA Open Network shows the association between an armed officer on the scene and an increase in casualties in school shootings. [Read the full article here.](#)
- Criminologist James Allen Fox wrote a column for *USA Today* featuring our research on the presence of armed guards in school mass shootings (February 26, 2021)
[Immunization not ammunition: School safety means fewer guns](#)
- Jill Peterson spoke with Seattle's Morning Show on KIRO Radio about preventing school violence as schools reopen (February 25, 2021)
[Armed officers triple mortality in school shootings, study finds](#)
- Minnesota Public Radio also covered the armed officer/school shootings study (February 16, 2021)
[New research finds armed officers increases likelihood of mortality at school shootings](#)

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Take Care and Stay Healthy,

The Violence Project Team

