

THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON FIREARMS/AMMUNITION, BEST PRACTICES /PROTOCOLS AND VIOLENCE REDUCTION MAKES THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS IN ADDITION TO THOSE SUBMITTED FOR THE PRELIMINARY REPORT:

A, Firearms/Ammunition

1. Require that any shell casing for ammunition sold or possessed in Ct. have a serial number laser etched on same for tracing purposes.
2. That a mental health suitability screening process be developed for anyone seeking a license to sell, purchase or carry any type of firearm in Ct.

B. Best Practices /Protocols

- 1 Grant some form of state wide peace officer status to all sworn law enforcement officers in Ct. to assure ability to respond to any other state jurisdiction in the event of a major police emergency. There should also be a caveat prohibiting self dispatch by public safety or EMS resources to prevent over response.
2. Provide funding for the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security to establish positions for regional School Safety Planners.
3. Establish a Statewide or regional Incident team(s)
4. Develop regional multi jurisdictional, multi discipline, Unified Command concept of operations for major events of great consequence. Local and State police should be integrated into the plan. The capitol region "BLUE PLAN", wherein local and state police have a tiered response consisting of deploying manpower and equipment to a major event, would be a model to be considered, and built upon.
5. Require that lead agencies in major events conduct a review and provide after action reports utilizing National After Action Review Standards .
6. Require that the Dept. of Emergency Management and Protective services , Division of State Police, in conjunction with the Ct. Police Chiefs Association develop and conduct regional joint exercises regarding response to major incidents. The same agencies should also conduct a review of all existing policies concerning response to active shooters. Review should focus on the best practices that would allow police disruption of the shooter as rapidly as possible.
7. Expand Critical Incident training at Police and Fire Academies in Ct.

8. Integrate Public Safety Dispatch centers into all response plans and assure these centers are staffed in such a way as to provide for separate positions for call takers and dispatchers. Smaller centers with limited resources should be consolidated into regional centers.

9. Create a statewide working group to address first responder mental health review and update the Critical Incident Stress Program.

10. Publish a Statewide Donations Management Plan for incidents of Statewide consequence. This could be done through Ct. Care which was established by Public Act 13-275

C. Gun Violence Reduction Strategies

1. A curriculum should be developed for k-12 students dealing with responsible citizenship covering areas such as Anti Bullying, Anti Gang activity, conflict resolution, and community responsibilities so as to graduate students and future generations who will not resort to violence as a means of settling disputes and understand the obligations they have to society. Parents should be included in this program.

As We have been told by presenters that alcohol is the most prevalent substance involved in violent crimes, Alcohol awareness should be interlaced between the public school system at grades determined by experts as well as continuing public awareness to recognize the signs of addiction or propensity for violence in individuals.

..Obviously this issue is much more complex as it deals with socio-economic problems, the gun culture that exists, and a myriad of other areas that we have not had the time to really get into but focusing on the next generation would give us an opportunity to impact on certain types of conduct.

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