

Intelligence Report

May 2022

WHAT TO LOOK FOR THIS MONTH

- Jury selection in the Nikolas Cruz sentencing phase was delayed (again). You will likely continue to see searches for the Stoneman Douglas shooter as testimony has been delayed until at least June 21.
- May is Mental Health Awareness month. You will likely see assignments, presentations and essays related to mental health, suicide prevention and awareness.
- Standardized testing has begun for most of our district partners. Studies show that students are under extreme stress and will likely experience anxiety, low self-esteem and even depression! Keep an eye out for indicators that a student is in distress.

**NOTHING
YOU DO FOR
CHILDREN IS
EVER
WASTED.**

~ GARRISON
KEILLOR

Upcoming Webinars:

May 11: Developing resilience in the digital safety field

May 13: What can be done about school shootings?

May 27: Can school choice solve the safety issue?

June 3: What strategies can schools use to promote safe learning?

***Links to these webinars were posted May 4th
in the Human Review channel*

STOP THE KILLING

I was fortunate to attend my sixth year of CrimeCon earlier this month. At this annual crime convention, I learned about advocacy, mental health and threat assessment among many other things!

One of my favorite sessions was called "Stop the Killing" with former FBI Agent, Katherine Schweit.

Katherine's book by the same name, tells us why mass shootings occur, who the perpetrators are and how we can stop them from happening.

Here are a few things that I learned:

- Threat assessment teams must determine whether threats are substantive or transient. Substantive threats are more of a concern because they express continuing intent of harm.
- Many of the shooters had observable behaviors that others would see including mental health issues, interpersonal problems and some type of leakage of violent intent.
- 77% of shooters spend a week or longer planning their attack.
- 46% of shooters spend a week or longer preparing (procuring)

Concerning behaviors to watch for:

- Real or perceived personal loss in the weeks or months leading up to the attack. Examples include death, breakup or loss of position on a team/job
- Interest in explosives and improvised explosive devices
- Fascination with previous shootings or mass attacks
- Recent acquisition of multiple weapons
- Giving away possessions, stops taking medication
- Posting violent statements, photos or significant changes in appearance

And finally-- 30%- 40% of mass shooters displayed behavior of a person intending suicide. When I spoke with Katherine, she suggested that we look deeper into the history of students who present with suicidal ideation and see if they have any of the "markers" listed above.

KATHERINE SCHWEIT

Katherine Schweit is an attorney, security consultant, professor, and retired Federal Bureau of Investigation executive who created the FBI's active shooter program after the terrible tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

For more information, use this QR code:

