



AVERTED SCHOOL VIOLENCE

LESSONS LEARNED BECOME LESSONS APPLIED

The Averted School Violence (ASV) project is an effort to encourage law enforcement officers, school officials, mental health professionals, and others involved in school safety nationwide to share information and lessons learned on averted and completed school violence incidents. Its purpose is to analyze these incidents in order to identify lessons learned and recommendations that can be implemented to improve school safety and ultimately prevent future attacks.

With funding support from NIJ and the COPS Office, the Police Foundation has developed an online data collection system and incident report library, which allow individuals to anonymously share and view reported incidents of averted and completed school violence. By collecting this data and creating an information-sharing environment for those involved in school safety, the Police Foundation seeks to increase the body of knowledge around successful school violence prevention strategies.

**To submit or view reports,
please visit:**

www.avertedschoolviolence.org

Definition of averted school violence incident

The Police Foundation defines an averted school violence incident as a violent attack planned with or without the use of a firearm, that was prevented either before or after the potential perpetrator arrived on school grounds, before any injury or loss of life occurred. The Police Foundation only collects incidents that occurred in the United States after the Columbine tragedy in 1999.

ASV reporting process

- An individual completes an incident report form at www.avertedschoolviolence.org
- School safety subject matter experts remove identifying information as necessary, and provide additional lessons learned and/or recommendations.
- The Police Foundation publishes the report into the report library at www.avertedschoolviolence.org, searchable and categorized by fields such as type of school, means of plot discovery, and more.

Benefits of submitting and viewing ASV reports

- Averted and carried out school attacks can provide insights into the effectiveness of existing school safety efforts nationwide.
- The ASV incident report library contains valuable information related to school security, averted attackers, successful discovery and prevention of attacks, lessons learned, and recommendations.
- ASV incident reports can help prevent future violence when relevant lessons learned and recommendations are implemented into the training, policy, and procedure of those who play a role in school safety.

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