

A Mother Bear and Her Cubs

The only thing we seemed to have learned in the last 20 years is that more rules, restrictions and regulations do nothing to prevent violence. Notice that these terrorists, (let us call them what they are, for they have no other intent), never attack police stations, military bases or even donut shops. They only attack undefended targets. After all, they plan to die. But their goal is to inflict as much pain and suffering as possible before doing so.

We will stop the senseless violence when the would-be terrorists realize that the formerly easy targets are now defended. We simply need to station at least one armed officer in every school and we can do this at little or no cost to the schools or taxpayers.

Let us return to the days of the old west. When the sheriff needed more men, he didn't ask the county for more money, he deputized anyone who would help. Here's the plan:

1. Deputize a force of volunteers, preferably parents of the students in the school. Each special deputy would only have to be on duty a few hours a day for a few days a month.
2. Provide basic firearms training for those who need it. Note: they don't have to be ready for the SWAT team or the Navy SEALs. They don't even need to know how to write a parking ticket. They just need to know how to identify someone who shouldn't be in the school and what to do if someone starts shooting (shoot back!)
3. These special deputies would be undercover and behave as normal school volunteers. Only the team from that school would know who they are. They would wear a "Special Deputy" shirt under their regular clothes to identify them if an incident occurs.

Force on display seldom has to be used. Once the terrorists realize that the school is being defended by a mother bear, (or father bear), guarding their cubs, they'll leave them alone.

Everyone I've discussed this with has volunteered to help. We could enlist an army of former military, (such as myself), mothers such as my wife, (who has a concealed carry permit and is a better shot than most men) and concerned citizens who want to see this carnage stop. They would supply their own arms, (just like my great-great-great grandfather did in the revolutionary war), equipment and training.

Are there risks? Of course. But the risk of doing nothing is no longer acceptable.