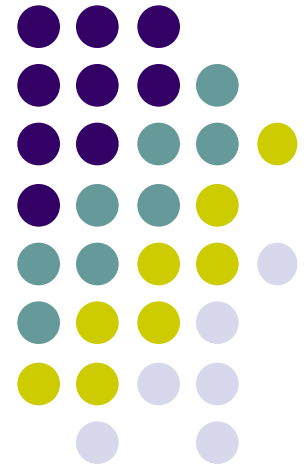
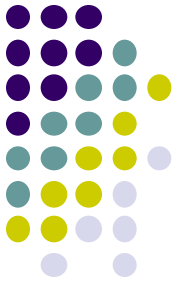
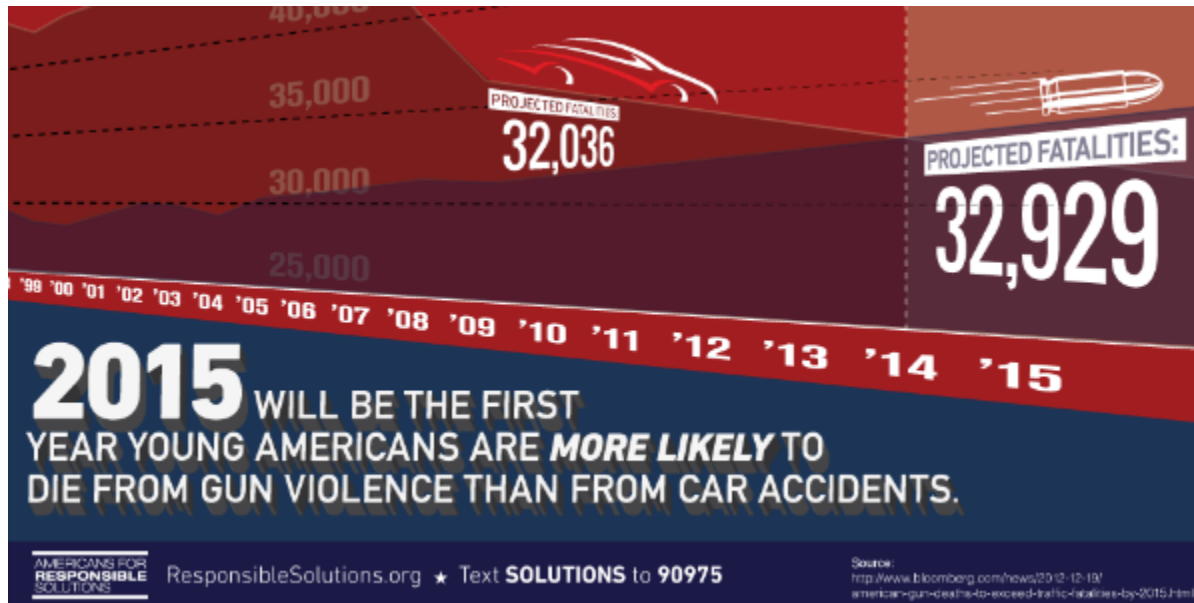
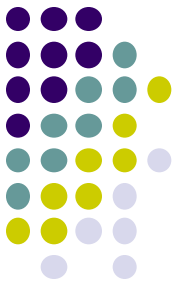


# GOODS FOR GUNS GUN BUYBACK PROGRAM

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OF GREATER WORCESTER







# HOW DID I (WE) GET HERE?



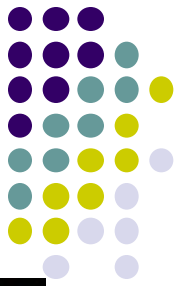
**KEITH REEMSTMA AND DAN RATHER**



**JIM AND SARAH BRADY**



**JOHN C. WOOD II**  
**Killed 11/2/1981**





# GOODS FOR GUNS- A MODEL GUN BUYBACK PROGRAM



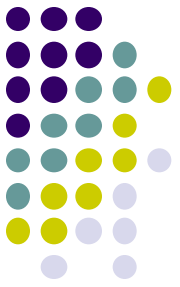
**Walter Reed, MD-  
“Builder of the  
Panama Canal”**





*in*  
MIRACLE  
ON  
34<sup>th</sup> STREET  
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**Barbara Barlow**





# Toddler fatally shoots mom in Idaho Walmart

KREM AND KTVB 5:30 P.M. MST DECEMBER 30, 2014

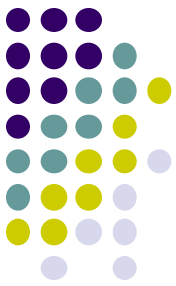


WALMART IN HAYDEN, IDAHO (PHOTO: KREM)  
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**HAYDEN, Idaho—A woman was shot and killed by her toddler son inside a Hayden Walmart Tuesday morning.**

According to the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office, 29-year-old Veronica Rutledge from Blackfoot, Idaho was shopping with the 2-year-old boy and other family members when the shooting happened at about 10:20 a.m.

The boy, who was sitting in the shopping cart, reached into his mother's purse and grabbed her gun, according to sheriff's officials. The gun went off, striking the woman. The sheriff's office says the shooting appears to be an accident.



# HOUSTON, WE HAVE A PROBLEM



- "More Americans have been killed by guns since Martin Luther King, Jr. died on April 4, 1968 , 45 years ago ( >1 million Americans), than in all the wars of our nation's history. This is nearly unfathomable. We are at war with ourselves."
  - Mark Shields, PBS Commentator, 4/5/12





# 31,347

total number of Americans killed by guns in 2009

# 11,493

number of homicides involving a gun in 2009

# 18,735

suicides in the United States involving a firearm in 2009

# 66,769

nonlethal gunshot wounds in America in 2009



10.3 = deaths by gun per 100k in US



red states on average have the most deaths from gun violence



firearm deaths are lower in states with strict gun control.

# 270 million

guns in America



that's equal to roughly 90 guns for every 100 people

<http://bit.ly/controlguns>





On the average day in the U.S.:



**47 CHILDREN  
AND TEENS**

270 people in America, 47 of them children and teens, are shot in murders, assaults, suicides, accidents and police intervention.



**8 CHILDREN**

And teens die from gun violence.



**87 PEOPLE**

Die from gun violence,  
33 of them murdered.



**183 PEOPLE**

183 people are shot but survive  
their gun injuries.

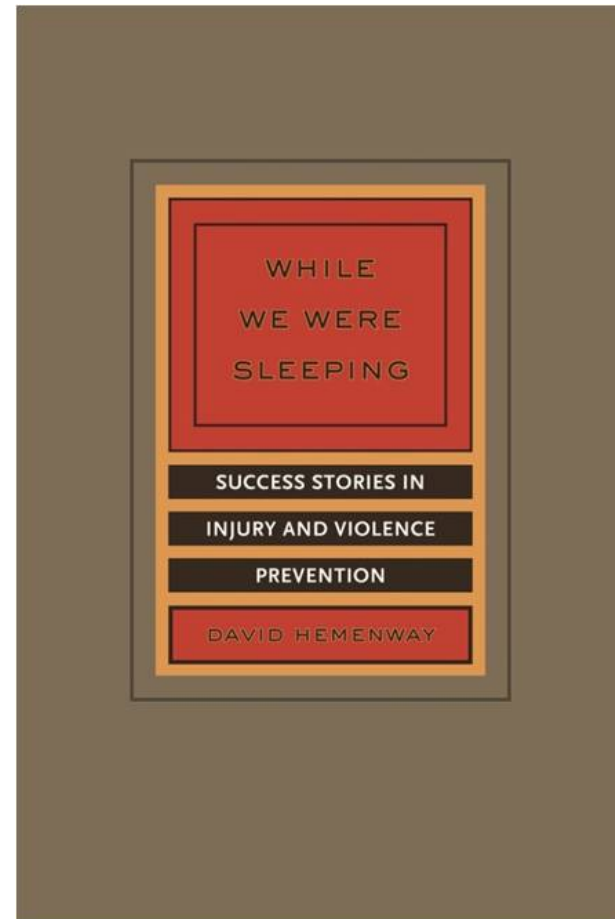
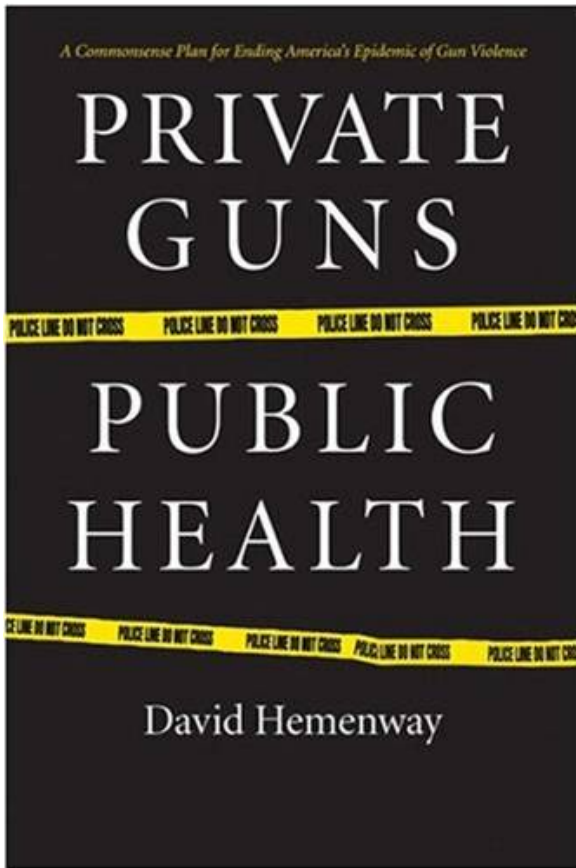
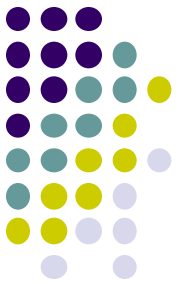


**38 CHILDREN**

38 children and teens are shot, but  
survive their gun injuries.

SOURCES

nyc.gov; Coalition to Stop Gun Violence; Brady Campaign; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Bureau of Justice Statistics; Center for Disease Control and Prevention; Prevent Youth Violence; Hoovers.com; Federation of American Scientists; Violence Policy Center; Washington Post; New Yorker; National Sports Foundation



DAVID HEMENWAY, PhD  
HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

# Firearm and Non-Firearm Homicide Rates per 100,000



Nation	Firearm Homicide Rate	Non-Firearm Homicide Rate	Total Homicide Rate	Percentage of Households with Guns
United States	3.1	1.5	4.6	35%
United Kingdom	0.1	1.3	1.4	7%
Canada	0.6	1.2	1.8	24%
Australia	0.1	1.3	1.4	15%
New Zealand	0.2	0.9	1.1	23%

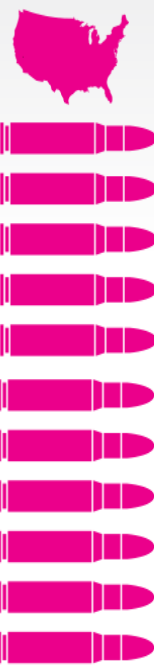
Sources: UK: UCR 2009, norc.org (2006)

UK: UNODC 2008; Small Arms Survey 2007

Canada: Beattie 2009, Royal Canadian mounted Police 2010

Australia: AU Bureau of Statistics 2009; Small Arms Survey 2007

New Zealand: UNODC 2008; Small Arms survey 2007



# Women in the U.S. are **11 times more likely to be murdered with guns than women in other high-income countries.**

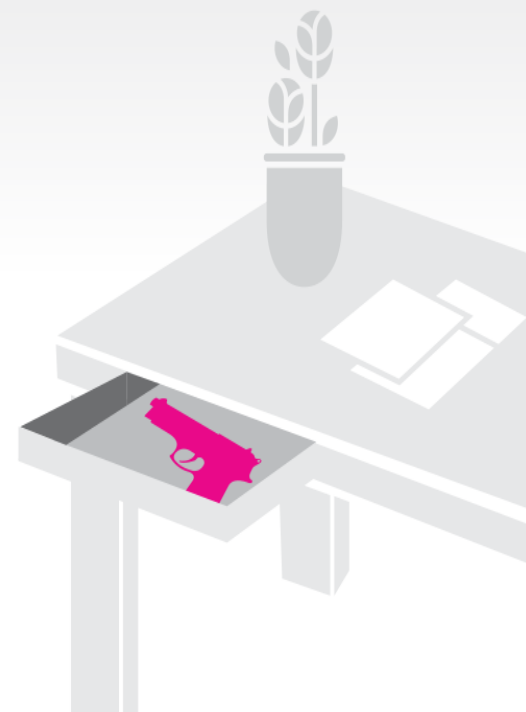
Women in the U.S. are killed at alarming rates by intimate partners, and firearms play a key role in turning domestic abuse into murder. Over the past 25 years, more intimate partner homicides in the U.S. have been committed with guns than with all other weapons combined.





## The presence of a gun in domestic violence situations increases the risk of homicide for women by **500 percent.**

People with a history of committing domestic violence are more likely to subsequently murder an intimate partner, and firearms significantly increase the risk of homicide for women.





# IN THE RIGHT HANDS?

Strong gun regulations aren't always paired with strict enforcement.

# 2 OUT OF 5



Guns sold in the U.S. without background checks

#### SOURCES

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# AAP WEIGHS IN



- ▣ IN 1992, 200 AND 2012 THE AAP HAS WEIGHED IN WITH MAJOR PRO-GUN SAFETY POSITION PAPERS
- ▣ THEY SUPPORT ASKING ABOUT GUN OWNERSHIP AND STORAGE PRACTICES, THE SAME WAY THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE MD'S ASK ABOUT CAR PASSENGER SAFETY, BIKE HELMETS, POOL AND WATER SAFETY, AND OTHER INJURY PREVENTION TOPICS
- ▣ AAP SUPPORTS BACKGROUND CHECKS, IMPROVED MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS, ASSAULT WEAPON BANS, MAGAZINE SIZE LIMITS
- ▣ NATIONAL "ASK" DAY- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL EVERY JUNE

# HOW THE DOCS VS GLOCKS ISSUE UNFOLDED



- ▣ Chris Okonkwo, Pediatrician at a clinic in Ocala , Florida, asks the mother of a new 7 year old female patient, “Do You have guns in the home?”
- ▣ Mother’s response- “None of your business!”
- ▣ Okonkwo tired to explain his reason for asking- patient safety, injury prevention
- ▣ Response- “None of your damned business”
- ▣ Okonkwo informs parent of the need to switch PCP’s
- ▣ Parent goes to local NRA chapter- with a state legislator in tow, THE PRIVACY OF GUN OWNER’S Act is crafted and is vigorously debated in both houses of the Florida State Legislature



# HOW THE DOCS VS GLOCKS ISSUE UNFOLDED



- ▣ Initially, law made questions in the MD visit about gun ownership a Class 3 felony, behind murder and rape, with MD subject also to loss of licensure and \$100K fine.
- ▣ Initially, bill strongly opposed by Florida State Medical Society and the Florida Chapters of AAP, ACEP, ACS, AAFP
- ▣ When penalties reduced to misdemeanor with fine and suspension of licensure, FSMA withdraws objection and bill passes both houses
- ▣ Governor Rick Scott signs bill into law 2011

# HOW THE DOCS VS GLOCKS ISSUE UNFOLDED



- ▣ 3 Florida physicians, Drs. Bernd Wollschlaeger, a Family Practitioner, Judy Schaechter, an adolescent pediatrician, and Thomas Schectman, a pediatrician involved in advocacy, filed a suit against the state of Florida
- ▣ Justice Marcia Cooke granted a preliminary injunction of 9/14/11 to prevent the enforcement of the law pending a ruling by the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit of the US court of Appeals based in Atlanta.

# HOW THE DOCS VS GLOCKS ISSUE UNFOLDED



- The Court of Appeals appointed a three person group of justices to rule on the case. In August of 2014, in a 2-1 decision they found in favor of the State of Florida against the MD's
- The substance of the majority ruling is that the speech that occurs during the doctor-patient interview is not covered by the protection of the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment, as it is conduct , not speech
- Conduct can be regulated by the government according to this majority opinion

# HOW THE DOCS VS GLOCKS ISSUE UNFOLDED



- ▣ The Plaintiffs immediately had to submit briefs asking that the entire 11 person Court of Appeals reconsider the 3 person panel's decision.
- ▣ They received supportive briefs from the AAP, the AMA, the AAST, APSA, ACEP and AAFP.
- ▣ The 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit can choose not to reconsider, in which case the plaintiffs will ask the US Supreme Court to hear the case.
- ▣ It is unclear if the Federal injunction to prohibit enforcement of the law will be continued through this entire appeals process waiting period.



# HOW THE DOCS VS GLOCKS ISSUE UNFOLDED



- ▣ MEANWHILE-  
WE TRY TO DRUM  
UP SUPPORT  
WITH OP-EDS,  
SEMINARS,  
WEBINARS,  
PUBLIC  
INFORMATION  
EVENTS TO  
PRESSURE THE  
11<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT



# Response to FLA. MD GAG ORDER



- Let's Not Muzzle Doctor-Patient Speech
- 
- Michael Hirsh, MD and David J. Rothman, PhD
- 
- The next time you speak with your physician, you may find the conversation oddly stilted. This is because the 11th Circuit of Federal Court of Appeals upheld the right of the State of Florida to prohibit physicians from exercising free speech. The Court defined the counseling that physicians offer a patient as conduct, not speech, and therefore not protected by the First Amendment.
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- The case arose when the Florida Legislature passed a bill to prohibit physicians from inquiring about patients' gun ownership, including their mode of storing the firearm, and the access that family and friends might have to it. After Governor Rick Scott signed it into law, the Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) persuaded a Federal judge to issue an injunction prohibiting its enforcement pending the Court of Appeals' ruling. Now that the three judge panel for the Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit has vacated the District Court's injunction, the Florida AAP has appealed and is urging the full, *en banc*, Eleventh Circuit to reconsider the decision. Whatever the result, the case may well go to the Supreme Court.
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- These proceedings have profound implications for the doctor-patient relationship and medical professionalism more generally. The AAP has long considered a physician's inquiry about gun ownership to be one of the most important questions that he or she can ask. As Dr. David Hemenway at the Injury Control Center at the Harvard School of Public Health has explained in "Private Guns, Public Health," a gun in the home greatly increases the likelihood of homicide, domestic violence, and suicide. A physician who asks questions about gun ownership is trying to reduce the likelihood of harm for the patients and their families. Needless to say, patients can always refuse to answer. However, raising such questions might help lower the current annual rate of 10,000 children and teens injured or killed by gunshot and the 30,000 total firearm deaths in the U.S. Surely, exploring this issue is in patients', and citizens', best interest, and is fully consistent with physicians professional obligations.

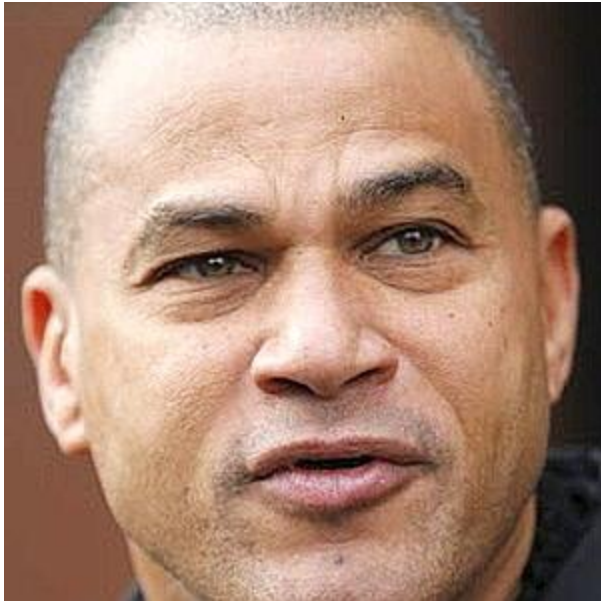
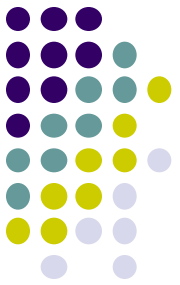
# IMAP RESPONSE TO FLA. MD GAG ORDER



Moreover, after taking this unprecedented government intrusion into the doctor-patient relationship, why would activist legislators stop with gun ownership gag orders? Why not prohibit physician counseling on reproductive rights, or addiction problems, or contraception, or any other controversial subject that disturbs the legislature? If this incursion on guns sets the precedent, then nothing about the doctor-patient relationship is sacrosanct or privileged.

We decry the decision by the Court of Appeals and applaud the courage of the Florida AAP in its fight to protect a physician's First Amendment rights. The constitutional right to bear arms does not abrogate the physician's right and responsibility to educate patients and protect them, their families, and their neighbors. The pro-gun lobby should have no standing in the examination room. We earnestly hope the next decision that comes down from the Judiciary will bar the Government - state or federal - from gagging medical providers. Providers and their patients cannot and should not be left at the mercy of legislative whim.

-Michael Hirsh, MD was awarded the Advocacy Merit Award in 2011 by the Institute on Medicine as a Profession (IMAP); David J. Rothman, PhD is President of IMAP. IMAP supports a Physician Advocacy Fellow Program dedicated to promoting patient and citizen well-being through civic engagement. For a complete list of advocacy fellows supporting this statement please visit our website: <http://imapny.org/>



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GOODS FOR GUNS PROGRAM, 1993**



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# Guns for Art History

"Artists of a Different Caliber." 1997.

Hewlett Gallery, Carnegie Mellon University. Pittsburgh.









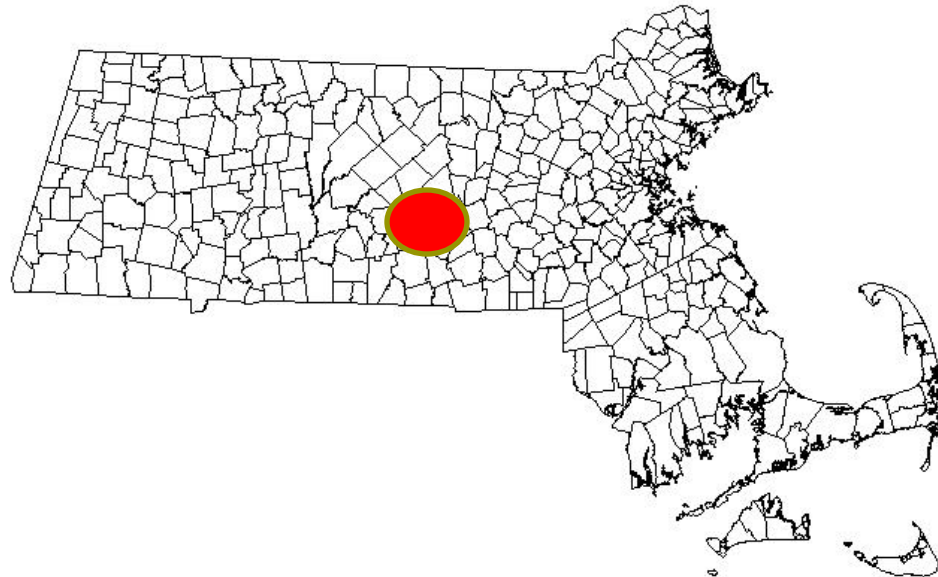
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# Geographic Focus of Effort

- Worcester
- Holden
- Leicester
- Millbury
- Shrewsbury
- West Boylston
- GRAFTON







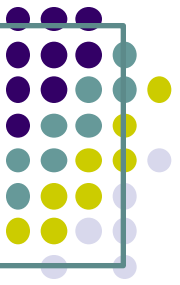
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# FIVE DOMAINS



# Vision



**HEALTHIEST CITY IN NEW ENGLAND BY 2020**









# Results

## IFC Worcester GO

- Individuals identified firearms received
  - Focused discussion on gun safety
  - Gun safety educational materials
  - Gun locks for any unlocked guns at home (OVER 1000 DISTRIBUTED)



# Goods for Guns 2002-2014



Year	Long Guns	Pistols, Revolvers	Auto Semi-auto	Total Guns	Total Cost	\$\$/Gun
2002	67	111	72	250	\$12,625	\$50.50
2003	37	116	91	244	\$13,555	\$55.53
2004	71	135	99	305	\$16,345	\$53.59
2005	43	77	86	206	\$11,300	\$54.85
2006	64	77	130	271	\$15,200	\$56.09
2007	63	80	74	217	\$11,125	\$51.27
2008	27	49	51	127	\$ 6,950	\$54.72
2009	72	93	76	241	\$12,150	\$50.41
2010	61	69	65	195	\$9,825	\$50.38
2011	48	40	25	113	\$5,075	\$44.91
2012	20	50	72	142	\$7,975	\$56.16
2013	26	16	43	85	\$4,925	\$57.94
2014	42	61	46	149	\$7550	\$50.67
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>2545</b>	<b>\$134,200</b>	<b>\$52.73</b>



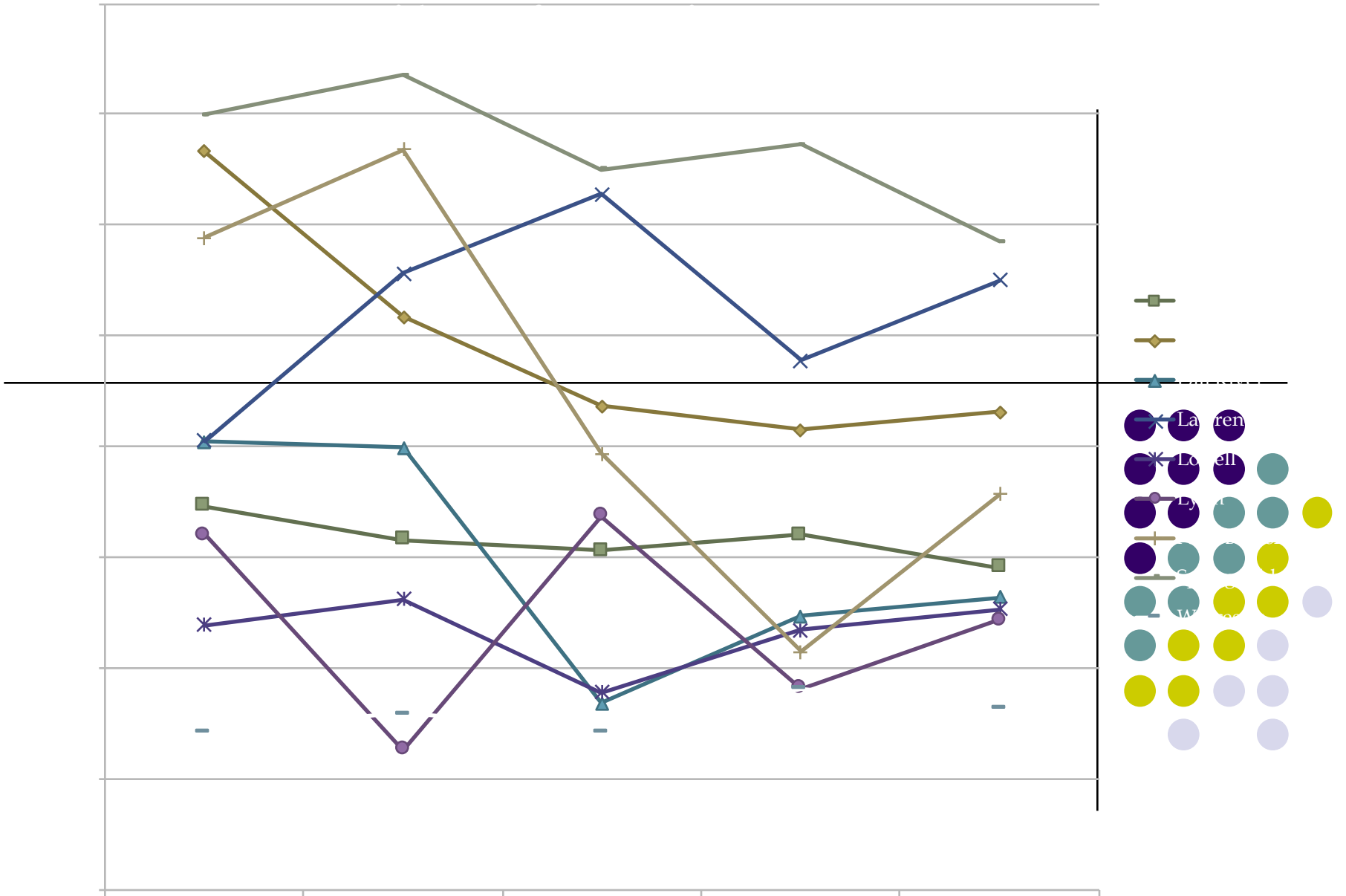
Affordable health insurance from a trusted source.





Comparison of Incidence of Penetrating Trauma by MA City per 1,000 population January – March 2013 and 2014

City	Population	2013 Jan-March	Incidence Jan-March 2013	2014 Jan-March	Incidence Jan-March 2014
Boston	617,594	63	0.10	46	0.07
Brockton	93,810	23	0.25	16	0.17
Fall River	88,857	15	0.17	11	0.12
Lawrence	76,377	14	0.18	16	0.21
Lowell	106,519	16	0.15	7	0.07
Lynn	90,329	9	0.10	9	0.10
New Bedford	95,072	8	0.08	22	0.23
Springfield	153,060	28	0.18	22	0.14
Worcester	181,045	16	0.09	8	0.04





MAKING  
**HARTFORD SAFE**  
*One Gun at a Time*

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# WHY SUCH A SAFE WORCESTER COUNTY?

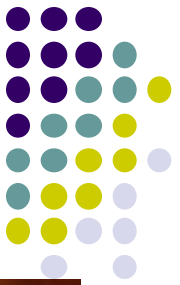


## WPD Chief Gemme points to a 4–prong approach to Gun Violence

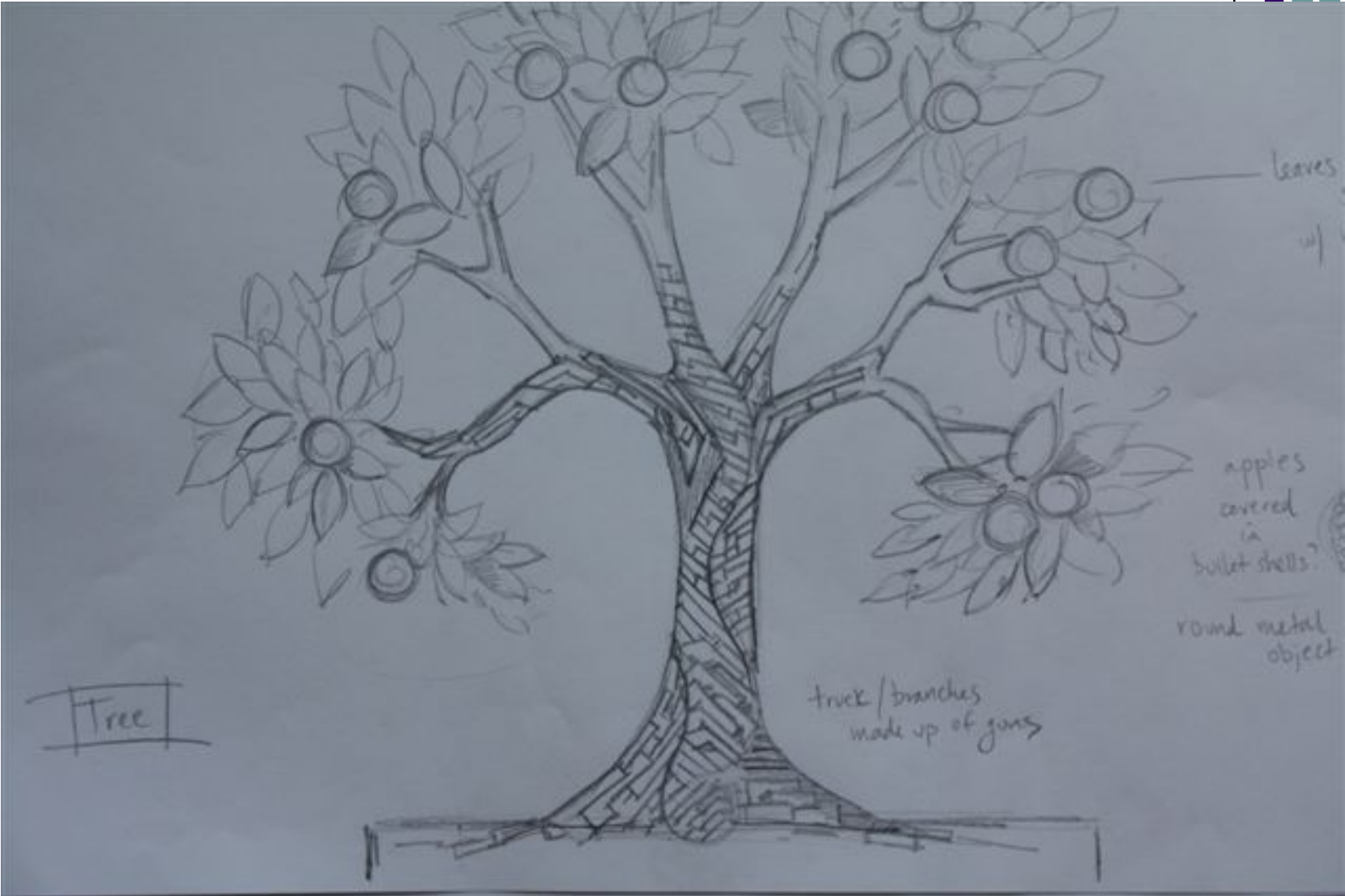
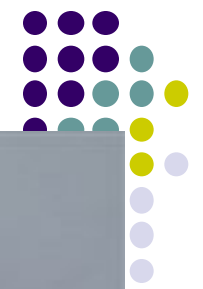
- ▣ 1) Treat all gun incidents with the same resources as a homicide would engender
- ▣ 2) Use discretionary powers of his office to be highly selective in the allotment of gun owner permits
- ▣ 3) Support the gun buyback
- ▣ 4) Work with DA Early and Judges to impose heavy sentences on gun brandishers



# Guns to ART







Tree

leaves

apples covered in bullet shells?

round metal object

trunk / branches made up of guns











# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

**"I WISH YOU COULD HAVE COLLECTED JUST ONE MORE GUN"**

**Marcy and LaNya  
Johnson**





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