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MOTHER KILLED

Gunman shoots parent at home before attack on school

SOCIAL DISORDER

Brother describes the shooter as 'somewhat autistic'

SECOND-DEADLIEST

Attack is the worst at a school since the 2007 Virginia Tech shootings

NATION GRIEVES

'Our hearts are broken today,' president says in address

ONLINE

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'SHEER TERROR'



Shannon Hicks Newtown (Conn.) Bee

A Connecticut State Police officer leads children through a parking lot at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., after a mass shooting there Friday morning.

28 die — including 20 children — as gunman opens fire at elementary school after killing his mother at their home

PREPARATION: I.E. school districts assuring parents their kids are safe.

By Beau Yarbrough Staff Writer

Inland Empire school districts were on heightened alert Friday as they scrambled to assure parents about the safety of their children.

"You can't let your schools or school's community lapse in training and preparedness for something like this," Mat Holton, superintendent of the Ontario-based Chaffey Joint Union High School District, said Friday. "God forbid it ever happens."

As the message went out locally about safety and security, families in Newtown, Conn., were dealing with tragedy as 28 lives were lost, 20 of them students at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

Chino Valley Unified School District officials increased security on Friday, putting the district's security force on alert and bringing in off-duty officers to help, district spokeswoman Julie Gobin said.

"We have asked our schools' staff to be extra vigilant and CVUSD security increased visits and surveillance of schools," Gobin said.

It was a similar story in other districts on Friday.

"All of our district patrol officers are on heightened alert, and high visibility, and we will continue to be on heightened alert and high visibility until after the dismissal of school," Rialto Unified spokeswoman Syeda Jafri said.

Friday was the last day of school before the winter break for many Southern California school districts, and others were already out for the month.

"Most of our schools are on winter recess for our traditional schools. We have a handful of elementary schools that are in session today," San Bernardino City Unified spokeswoman Linda Bardere said.

"We will be discussing and reviewing with our staff the emergency precautions we have in place. ... What an awful thing."

No change from the schools' normal routine was planned for the district, Bardere said.

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Families of victims grieve near the elementary school after learning of their children's fate.

MASSACRE: Attacker hits two classrooms; mom killed at home

From wire reports

NEWTOWN, Conn. — A 20-year-old gunman, who law enforcement sources identified as Adam Lanza, fired what witnesses described as dozens of shots at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., which serves children from ages 5 to 10.

Authorities found 18 children and seven adults, including the gunman, dead at the school, and two children were pronounced dead later after being taken to a hospital.

The shooter's mother was found dead at her home, as well.

The rampage, coming less than two weeks before Christmas, was the nation's second-

deadliest school shooting, exceeded only by the Virginia Tech massacre that left 33 people dead in 2007.

"Our hearts are broken today," a tearful President Barack Obama, struggling to maintain his composure, said at the White House. He called for "meaningful action" to prevent such shootings.

"As a country, we have been through this too many times," he said.

Police shed no light on the motive for the attack on two classrooms. The gunman was believed to suffer from a personality disorder and lived with his mother, said a law enforcement official who was briefed on the investigation but was not authorized to discuss it.

Panicked parents looking for their children raced to Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, a prosperous New England community of about 27,000 people 60 miles north-east of New York City.

Police told youngsters at the kindergarten-through-fourth-grade school to close their eyes as they were led from the building.

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