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MOTHER KILLED

Gunman shot parent at home before attack on school

SOCIAL DISORDER

Brother described the shooter as 'somewhat autistic'

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

NATION GRIEVES

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

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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 took place there Friday morning.

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

SAFETY: Area school districts are reviewing security measures and addressing parents.

By Kelly Puente and Pamela Hale-Burns Staff Writers

LONG BEACH — Area school officials on Friday were reassuring parents that the safety of students and staff is a top priority following a mass shooting at a Connecticut elementary school.

While there have been no threats in Long Beach related to the Connecticut shooting, school safety staff remained in close touch with local law enforcement on Friday and were extra vigilant, Long Beach Unified School District officials said.

In a statement, LBUSD Superintendent Chris Steinhauer expressed his condolences for the families in Connecticut and reminded parents that school continues to be one of the safest places for children.

"We will continue our daily work with law enforcement, staff, parents and students to keep our schools safe, and we will carefully examine this tragic event to determine whether any adjustments should be made to our school safety plans," Steinhauer said.

After major incidents such as the Connecticut shooting, Long Beach Unified safety officials receive a "tactical review" with law enforcement on how to adjust their training.

Since the Columbine school shooting in 1999, school safety officials have conducted regular drills at schools in conjunction with both the Long Beach Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, officials said.

In regular drills, schools practice lockdown procedures and staff receives training on how to deal with a variety of emergency situations, including a potential intruder on campus, officials said.

However, Long Beach Unified has seen some reductions in security in recent years

SCHOOLS A6



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

MASSACRE: Attacker hits two classrooms during rampage.

From Wire Services

NEWTOWN, Conn. — Twenty schoolchildren were slaughtered by a heavily armed gunman who opened fire at a suburban elementary school in Connecticut on Friday morning, killing at least 27 people including himself in the one of the worst mass shootings in U.S. history.

The 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

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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

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