

### ***The Virginia Tech massacre***

The Virginia Tech shooting occurred on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007 when Seung-Hui Cho, a senior at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Virginia shot and killed 32 people and wounded 17 others (another 6 people were injured escaping from classroom windows) in two separate attacks approximately two hours apart, before eventually committing suicide.

Cho had previously been diagnosed mentally ill, and with a severe anxiety disorder, for which he was ordered to attend treatment. However, since he was not institutionalized, he was still allowed to purchase firearms.

### ***Sandy Hook***

On December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Adam Lanza, 20 grabbed three guns from the house and headed for the elementary school wearing black fatigues and a military vest. The gunman used an assault weapon to shoot an entrance into the building since the school locked its doors each day at 9:30 a.m as part of the security system. Once inside the school in Newtown, Connecticut, Lanza fatally shot 20 children aged between 6 and 7 years old as well as six adult staff members. As first responders arrived at the scene, Lanza committed suicide by shooting himself in the head.

Prior to driving to the school, Lanza shot his mother dead.

### ***Tucson shooting***

The shooting took place on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 10:10 am. A US Representative from Arizona, Gabrielle Giffords was holding a constituent meeting called "Congress on your corner" in a supermarket parking lot in Casas Adobes, an incorporate area north of Tucson, Arizona when Jared Lee Loughner drew a pistol and shot her in the head before proceeding to fire on other people. Six people died, including a 9-year-old girl, Christina-Taylor Green. One additional person was injured in the immediate aftermath of the shooting. 22-year-old Loughner was arrested at the scene and finally sentenced to life in prison. He had previously been arrested (but not convicted) once on a minor drug charge and had been suspended by his college for disruptive behavior.

### ***Aurora shooting***

On July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012, a mass shooting occurred inside a Century 16 movie theater in Aurora, Colorado, during a midnight screening of the film *The Dark Knight Rises*. A gunman set off tear gas grenades and shot into the audience with multiple firearms. 12 people were killed and 70 others were injured, which was the largest number of casualties in a shooting in the US until the 2016 Orlando nightclub shooting. The sole assailant, James Holmes, was arrested in his car parked outside the cinema minutes later. It was the deadliest shooting in Colorado since the Columbine High School massacre in 1999. Prior to the shooting, Holmes rigged his apartment with homemade explosives, which were defused by a bomb squad one day after the shooting. He was eventually sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

### ***Fort Hood shootings***

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009, a mass shooting took place at Fort Hood, near Killeen, Texas. Nidal Hasan, a U.S. Army major and psychiatrist, fatally shot 13 people and injured more than 30 others. The shooting produced more casualties than any other on an American military base. The event was called a terrorist attack by many others. Hasan was shot and as a result is paralyzed from the waist down, and was found guilty before being sentenced to death in 2013.

Another shooting spree occurred in Fort Hood on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 on several locations on the military base. 4 people, including the gunman, were killed, while 14 additional people were injured, 12 by gunshot wounds. The shooter, 34-year-old Army Specialist Ivan Lopez, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.