



# ★ DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

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## SANDY HOOK FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

14 December 2017 marked the five-year anniversary of the Sandy Hook tragedy, one of the deadliest shootings in U.S. history, which resulted in the deaths of 20 first grade students and 6 educators. Despite the horrific incident, gun violence and mass shootings continue to affect our communities – since 14 December 2012, the use of firearms have either injured or killed over 500,000 Americans.

Read Former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords' [statement](#) as well as Everytown for Gun Safety and Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America's [statement](#) on the fifth anniversary of the Sandy Hook tragedy.

Access the [photos](#) of the Vigil that was held at the NRA headquarters on the fifth anniversary.

## PROGRESS SINCE SANDY HOOK: GROWTH OF NATIONAL MOVEMENT & STATE LEVEL CHANGE

Congress has remained inactive and has ignored the strong gun violence prevention movement that has emerged since Sandy Hook. Although at the national level, Congress has taken little action, Democrats, who previously attempted to “duck” the gun issue, have become vocal and are more willing to draw attention to and address the firearm issue that has affected so many across the nation. In addition to the growing national movement, there has been progress at the state levels. For example, some legislatures have passed laws such as banning assault weapons and high-capacity magazines.

Read The Huffington Post's [article](#) to learn more about the progress that has been made since 2012.

## PRESIDENTIAL LACK OF RESPONSE

Instead of tweeting a message of condolence to the families affected by Sandy Hook, President Donald Trump hosted the controversial head of the NRA. Read more [here](#).

Read the [statement](#) of Nicole Hockley's, the mother of Dylan, who was murdered on 14 December 2012.

## LEARN MORE & TAKE ACTION

Read The Hill's [article](#) written on the anniversary of Sandy Hook, highlighting the actions that legislators can adopt to take on guns.

Access CeaseFirePA's YouTube [channel](#) to learn more about the Pennsylvania legislature, the laws in PA that make it so easy to buy a gun, how to call your legislator and how to write a letter to the editor.

## FIREARM RELATED PUBLICATIONS

Read The Atlantic's *Americans Don't Really Understand Gun Violence*, discussing the little that is known about the survivors of gun violence [here](#).

Read The Washington Post's [article](#) on whether Christians can find common ground on guns.

Read The Huffington Post's [article](#) about the drop in gun sales.