



November 7, 2017

Texas Gun Sense board and staff are saddened, frustrated and finally even more motivated for action following the Sutherland Springs, TX mass shooting on Sunday, November 5, 2017.

I am writing to you today to let you know about some Texas Gun Sense activities that I invite you to engage in, learn from, and share with others.

Wednesday, November 8, 2017, Texas Gun Sense will be leading a press conference regarding the Sutherland Springs shooting and actions for common sense, evidence-based policy advocacy. The press conference can be viewed online at [Texas Legislature Online](#) at the link for [House Video Broadcasts](#). Legislators, survivors and other advocates will be participating in the press conference.

December 14, 2017, please save the date for an evening vigil and call to action led by Texas Gun Sense at Austin's [Central Presbyterian Church](#). December 14, 2017 is the fifth anniversary of the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting. Many organizations around the country have commemorated the anniversary annually as has Texas Gun Sense. We will honor all victims of guns violence including those at Sutherland Springs.

At least once a month we publish a blog on our website. The [November blog](#) was written before the Sutherland Springs shooting. The content is about the shooting of the university police officer a Texas Tech and was written by a Texas Gun Sense volunteer. We choose to publish the [blog](#) now because all of the victims of gun violence are symptoms of the public health crisis that is gun violence in Texas and across the nation.

Going forward, Texas Gun Sense will continue to work on legislative issues that will positively impact gun violence. We invite you to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and refer your friends. Please also encourage your friends to go to our website for information, as well as to [sign up](#) for regular alerts from us.

Texas Gun Sense has always worked with volunteers and indeed volunteers make gun violence prevention happen. Even before the Las Vegas shooting in early October, volunteers have reached out to me to seek ways to contributing to the solution. I commit to be in touch with everyone who contacts me and I apologize in advance for delays given the recent events. We need your support, there is plenty of work to do.

Thanks for all you do to improve Texas every day!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gyl W Switzer". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Gyl Switzer
Executive Director