

## Directory of Gun Safety Fair Participants

### **Cook County Board Commissioner – Scott Britton**

As someone who spent his formative years in a small town in central Illinois, I understand the interest in gun ownership for legitimate use such as hunting. What I cannot condone is wanton use of weapons of war with complete disregard for human life. Everyone deserves to feel safe and secure in their parks, schools, houses of worship, and grocery stores. I commend the work being done at the state level to ban the sale of deadly assault weapons, and I am hopeful for a day where common sense gun reform is the norm.

### **Glenbrook South High School student advocates for Gun Safety – Drew Duffy**

Mass shootings have become ingrained in American culture, and our generation has grown up learning how to fend off an active shooter in school. While state lawmakers continue to make immense progress to make our communities safer, Congress has taken little action to stop senseless gun violence across the nation. Over 70% of voters under 30 believe in stricter gun control laws, and we will continue fighting to make sure our views are reflected in federal policy.

### **Glenview Police Department – Officer Joel Detloff**

A Village of Glenview Police Officer will be handing out free gun locks and discussing the Police Department relationship with Project Childsafe.

### **Honor with Action Network – Sara Knizhnik**

[#HonorWithAction](#) Illinois is an advocacy organization for gun violence prevention (GVP) activists who recognize that the gun violence epidemic is a reflection of racial and socioeconomic inequities everywhere, especially in the criminal justice system.

Please JOIN US virtually on the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month - from 12pm-1pm CST - to share information and calls to action. Please click here to register:

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[6vrDwtGtG116uY7ymIcGcX7gqdq\\_kR](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZc9f-6vrDwtGtG116uY7ymIcGcX7gqdq_kR) After you have registered one time, you will never have to register again. You will be automatically invited to all future meetings until you asked to be removed from the mailing list. If you are on Facebook, please join our closed Facebook group by 1) sending me a friend request (Search “Sara Frederick Knizhnik”), and 2) asking me to add you to the closed #HWAN-IL group. We honor ALL victims of gun violence with action by advocating for gun safety initiatives and reforms to the criminal justice system at the local, state and federal levels.

### **Illinois Alliance to Prevent Gun Violence – Stuart Reid**

The Illinois Alliance to Prevent Gun Violence's mission statement is to establish a diverse, inclusive, and collaborative community to address gun violence prevention in Illinois. Our goal is to create an information clearinghouse where all members can share resources, initiatives, and events. Also, we select legislative efforts to support, primarily at the state level and federally.

### **IL State Representative – Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz**

Last week the General Assembly passed the Protect Illinois Communities Act, making Illinois the ninth state to have an assault weapons ban. This legislation bans the sale and distribution of assault weapons, high-capacity magazines and switches that can convert semi-automatic firearms into fully-automatic. Additionally, the legislation extends the ability of the courts to prevent dangerous individuals from possessing a firearm through Illinois' Firearms Restraining Order."

### **IL State Senator – Laura Fine or her Chief of Staff**

State Senator Laura Fine has been fighting for a statewide assault weapons ban; and she is proud to report that an assault weapons ban passed the Senate on January 9, 2023.

### **League of Women Voters of Illinois- Gun Violence Prevention-Issue Director – Jim McGrath**

Who Am I – Influence of Sandy Hook, Involvement with Moms Demand Action and Illinois Gun Violence Prevention Coalition

What do I do - liaison for League of Women Voters-Illinois members to Gun Violence Prevention groups; follow and inform League members on gun legislation in Springfield; make Gun Violence Prevention presentations

League of Women Voters of Illinois – Communicate Where We Stand on Gun Violence Prevention

Google Group Administration: sign up members, communicate about witness slips and events

### **Moms Demand Action – Halleh Akbarnia**

We are a grassroots movement of parents, students, survivors, educators, gun owners, community leaders, and concerned citizens working together to fight for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence. Here's what we do.

Advocate for Stronger Gun Laws: We work with local, federal, and state governments to enact and implement policies that reduce gun violence. Support Candidates: We support candidates who are running for office and have demonstrated that they will govern with gun safety. Build Awareness: We work with volunteers to build awareness about Gun safety through projects including Be Smart, One Thing You Can Do, and Wear Orange.

### **The National Gun Safety Consortium – Margaret Sents**

The National Gun Safety Consortium is a non-partisan organization whose mission is to decrease the number of gun deaths and injuries by reducing the number of unsecured guns in America, a problem that has multiplied during the COVID-19 pandemic as millions of Americans have purchased firearms, including many first-time gun owners. Studies show that approximately half of gun-owning household in the country fail to keep all their guns secure. One main reason is the paucity of reliable, secure, quick-access locking devices. The GSC is partnering with municipalities and law enforcement to significantly reduce gun violence using a unique strategy: build a market for new products that keep guns safe from theft, unauthorized use and accidental discharge. Our Glenview Police Department has participated in efforts to bring innovative biometric devices and safe guns to the attention of manufacturers through the National Gun Safety Consortium.

### **NWSOFA/Indivisible – Cathy Risberg, Natalie Warren, Bill Davis**

The NWSOFA/Indivisible GVP Issues Team, currently in its 11th year, has re-committed itself in 2023 to become an even more relentless advocate of peacemaking and gun violence prevention. Our team currently educates by having monthly informational meetings on Zoom and collaborates with coalition non-partisan groups, including local faith communities and Chicago Survivors. And we continue to work to help strengthen background checks and raise community awareness by using social media, writing letters to the editor, filing witness slips, handing out fliers, hosting annual vigils and inviting local legislative and school board candidates to hear their views on gun violence prevention.

In addition, our GVP team celebrates the success that has been achieved in America in changing the conversation around gun violence prevention and the fact that Gov. Pritzker signed, in January 2019, the law that requires a certification process for gun dealers in Illinois and on January 10, 2023, the Protect Illinois Communities Act – which bans assault weapons in the state.

### **People for a Safer Society – Laura Williams**

People for a Safer Society was founded in 2013 after the Sandy Hook tragedy. Our mission is to address gun violence prevention in a variety of ways, including legislative as well as non legislative solutions. We connect with communities to educate and raise awareness about gun violence prevention measures such as safe storage practices and sharing information about existing gun violence legislation such as Illinois's Firearms Restraining Order. We also activate volunteers to support proposed legislation by encouraging them to file witness slips, reach out to their state representatives and state senators regarding legislation, attend marches and rallies and even to lobby directly in Springfield. We are an all-volunteer, grass roots non profit.

### **Strengthening Chicago's Youth/Lurie Children's Hospital – Dion McGill, Kirstin Grabski**

Strengthening Chicago's Youth (SCY) is Chicago's largest violence prevention collaborative and catalyst for innovation convened by Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. SCY's focus is to build capacity among our violence prevention partners, 3600+ public and private stakeholders, to connect, collaborate and mobilize around a public health approach to violence prevention— encouraging partnerships that strengthen existing efforts and benefit the children of Chicago. All of our work revolves around our Focus on Five: Sustained investment in children and youth, equitable access to high quality mental health services, common sense approaches to gun violence prevention, Juvenile justice system that reflects what we know about adolescent development, and sustained investment in strong communities.