

GUN SENSE SC

saving lives, preserving rights

Galvanized by the Emanuel AME tragedy, Gun Sense SC is an independent, grassroots group of South Carolinians working to reduce gun violence. Together, we'll close the loopholes in laws that make it too easy for guns to fall into the wrong hands, while supporting the Second Amendment right of citizens to lawfully own guns.

We are gun owners and non gun owners.
We are veterans, doctors, lawyers, teachers and spiritual leaders.
We are South Carolinians.

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Gun Sense SC Presents: The Hard Truth About South Carolina's Gun Violence Problem

Coroner: Four dead in Anderson County **shooting**
Live 5 News-3 hours ago

Deadly **shooting** at the Elks Lodge under investigation
Live 5 News-5 hours ago

Coroner identifies victim in West Ashley fatal **shooting**
Live 5 News-Oct 22, 2015

Bond denied for Chesterfield County **shooting** suspect
Live 5 News-20 hours ago



Gun Violence in SC is a Public Health Issue!

South Carolina has the 11th highest number of gun deaths per capita in the nation.

- *Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, 2013*

Only accidents and chronic disease cause more deaths in South Carolina

- *Center for Disease Control/CDC, Leading Causes of Death, 2012*

In 2015 the number of youth deaths due to gun violence is expected to surpass the number of youth fatalities in car accidents.

- *Ibid, CDC, 2012*

For the 4th time in 17 years, South Carolina is the deadliest state in the nation for women - and 67% of these domestic violence murders were committed with a gun.

-*Violence Policy Center 2015 Report*



Brady Campaign Scorecard

- What is the scorecard?
 - A good barometer of gun violence
 - Compares states on different policies and laws that prevent gun violence
- This presentation draws from two scorecards :
 - 1) 2013 scorecard with the Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence
 - 2) 2014 scorecard on crime gun exports



Scorecard Categories

- Background Checks and Access to Firearms
 - Background Checks (*worth the most points!*)
 - Prohibited People (mental health reporting, etc)
 - Domestic Violence Offenders
- Other Regulation of Gun Sales and Transfers
- Gun Owner Accountability (reporting lost or stolen, etc.)
- Law Center
 - Firearms in Public Places
 - Classes of Weapons & Ammunitions
 - Consumer & Child Safety
 - and more...



SC's Scores

2013 Scorecard

- Received an F score
- Boland Bill - (Ashley Hall Mental health bill)
 - Those with a criminal history of mental illness prevented from buying a gun

2014 Scorecard

- Received a -16 out of 100 points
- Domestic Violence Bill
 - Created tougher sentences
 - Gun ban on worst offenders



What are the result of weak gun laws?

Weak gun laws create many problems:

- 1) Dangerous and prohibited people get their hands on guns. Violent crime is higher.
- 2) More than 650 people killed each year - making it a public health issue
- 3) Domestic violence - SC is the most dangerous state for women
- 4) We make things worse in other states - SC is one of the biggest exporters of crime guns which has a negative impact on our state neighbors
- 5) Easy for gun traffickers buy and sell illegal guns (i.e. guns sold from the trunks of cars)



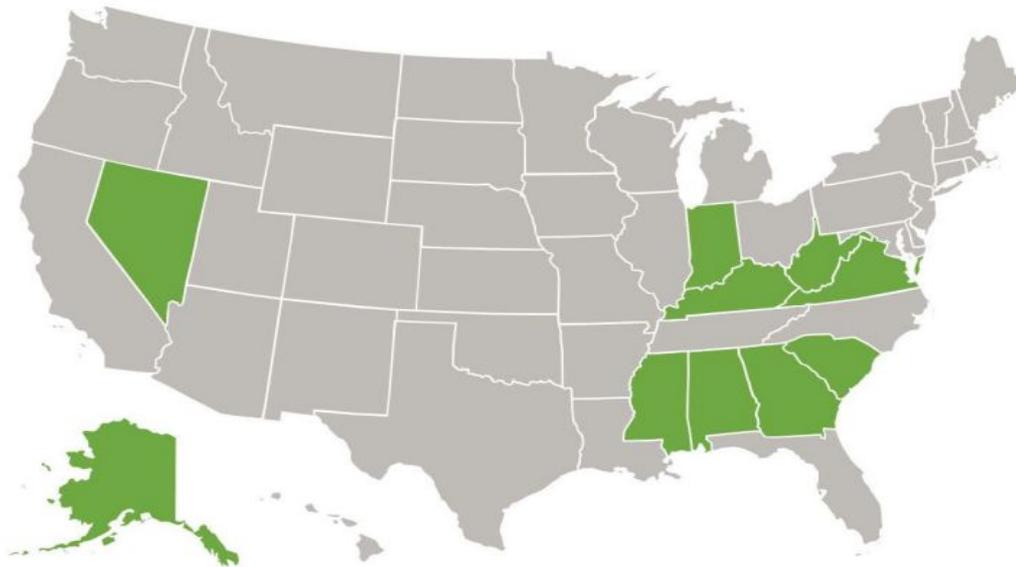
2013 SCORECARD MAP



2014 Scorecard Map

TRAFFICKERS' TOP 10 STATES

These are the 10 states with the highest crime gun export rates in the country.



1. Mississippi
2. West Virginia
3. Kentucky
4. Alaska
5. Alabama
6. South Carolina
7. Virginia
8. Indiana
9. Nevada
10. Georgia



What are the possibilities for SC?

How do we fix this?

BACKGROUND CHECKS

There's more data to support the effectiveness of Brady Background Checks than any other effort:

- 48 %fewer law enforcement officers killed with handguns;
- 46 %fewer women shot to death by intimate partners;
- 48 % fewer gun suicides;
- 48 % less gun trafficking.

- *John's Hopkins Study*



Missouri Case Study

- In Missouri there was a law that required all handgun purchasers to obtain a license verifying they have passed a background check
- In 2007 Missouri repealed the law. According to Dr. Daniel Webster, here's what happened following the repeal:
 - a. Missouri's 2007 repeal of its permit-to-purchase (PTP) handgun law contributed to a fourteen percent increase in Missouri's murder rate through 2012
 - b. The law's repeal was associated with an additional 49 to 68 murders per year in Missouri between 2008 and 2012
 - c. The repeal of Missouri's PTP law was associated with a twenty-five percent increase in firearm homicides rates



BACKGROUND CHECKS SUCCESSES

2 Million + **BLOCKED**

FELONS:

BLOCKED

171x
EVERY DAY

**DOMESTIC
ABUSERS:**

BLOCKED

48x
EVERY DAY

FUGITIVES:

BLOCKED

19x
EVERY DAY

40%
of guns sales
are not covered
by the Brady Law.



Take success and apply it to other approximately 40% gun sales not covered by Brady Law



Do people support this expanded Brady Background Checks?

YES

89% of SC voters support background checks on all gun purchases, including 91% of Republicans and 90% of Democrats (Public Policy Polling, 2015), which is consistent with voters across the U.S.

This is *not* a partisan issue.



FORM 4473

U.S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

OMB No. 1140-0020

Firearms Transaction Record Part I - Over-the-Counter

WARNING: You may not receive a firearm if prohibited by Federal or State law. The information you provide will be used to determine whether you are prohibited under law from receiving a firearm. Certain violations of the Gun Control Act, 18 U.S.C. §§921 et. seq., are punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment and/or up to a \$250,000 fine.

Transferor's Transaction
Serial Number (If any)

Prepare in original only. All entries must be handwritten in ink. Read the Notices, Instructions, and Definitions on this form. "PLEASE PRINT."

Section A - Must Be Completed Personally By Transferee (Buyer)

1. Transferee's Full Name
Last Name | First Name | Middle Name (If no middle name, state "NMN")

2. Current Residence Address (U.S. Postal abbreviations are acceptable. Cannot be a post office box.)
Number and Street Address | City | County | State | ZIP Code

3. Place of Birth
U.S. City and State | -OR- Foreign Country | 4. Height Ft. | 5. Weight (Lbs.) | 6. Gender Male Female | 7. Birth Date Month | Day | Year

8. Social Security Number (Optional, but will help prevent misidentification) | 9. Unique Personal Identification Number (UPIN) if applicable (See Instructions for Question 9.)

10. Race (Ethnicity) (Check one or more boxes. See Instructions for Question 10.)
 American Indian or Alaska Native | Black or African American | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 Hispanic or Latino | Asian | White

11. Answer questions 11 a. (see exceptions) through 11 j. and 12 (if applicable) by checking or marking "yes" or "no" in the boxes to the right of the questions.

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| a. Are you the actual transferee/buyer of the firearm(s) listed on this form? Warning: You are not the actual buyer if you are acquiring the firearm(s) on behalf of another person. If you are not the actual buyer, the dealer cannot transfer the firearm(s) to you. (See Instructions for Question 11.a.) Exception: If you are picking up a repaired firearm(s) for another person, you are not required to answer 11.a. and may proceed to question 11.b. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Are you under indictment or information in any court for a felony , or any other crime, for which the judge could imprison you for more than one year? (See Instructions for Question 11.b.) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Have you ever been convicted in any court of a felony , or any other crime, for which the judge could have imprisoned you for more than one year, even if you received a shorter sentence including probation? (See Instructions for Question 11.c.) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Are you a fugitive from justice? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Are you an unlawful user of, or addicted to, marijuana or any depressant, stimulant, narcotic drug, or any other controlled substance? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Have you ever been adjudicated mentally defective (which includes a determination by a court, board, commission, or other lawful authority that you are a danger to yourself or to others or are incompetent to manage your own affairs) OR have you ever been committed to a mental institution? (See Instructions for Question 11.f.) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. Have you been discharged from the Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h. Are you subject to a court order restraining you from harassing, stalking, or threatening your child or an intimate partner or child of such partner? (See Instructions for Question 11.h.) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i. Have you ever been convicted in any court of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence? (See Instructions for Question 11.i.) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| j. Have you ever renounced your United States citizenship? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| k. Are you an alien illegally in the United States? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| l. Are you a nonimmigrant alien? (See Instructions for Question 11.l.) If you answered "no" to this question, do NOT respond to question 12 and proceed to question 13. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. If you are a nonimmigrant alien, do you fall within any of the exceptions set forth in the instructions? (If "yes," the licensee must complete question 20d.) (See Instructions for Question 12.) If question 11.l. is answered with a "no" response, then do NOT respond to question 12 and proceed to question 13. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

13. What is your State of residence (if any)? (See Instructions for Question 13.) | 14. What is your country of citizenship? (List/check more than one, if applicable. If you are a citizen of the United States, proceed to question 16.) United States of America | 15. If you are not a citizen of the United States, what is your U.S.-issued alien number or admission number?
 Other (Specify)

Note: Previous Editions Are Obsolete
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ATF Form 4473 (5360-9) Part I
Revised August 2008



SPEED OF BACKGROUND CHECKS

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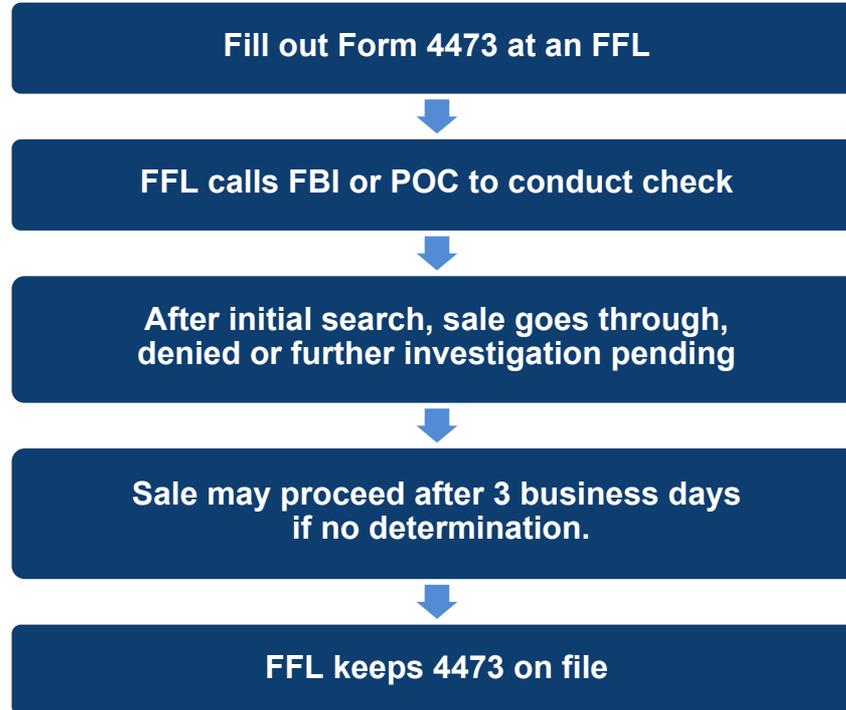
Average time for
a check in 2013

91.82%

Immediate
Determination
Rate



HOW A CHECK WORKS



FBI SEARCHES INCLUDE FOUR FEDERAL DATABASES:

- ✓ **The National Crime Information Center (NCIC):** records of fugitives and those subject to protective orders
- ✓ **The Interstate Identification Index:** state criminal history records
- ✓ **Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement:** non-U.S. citizens
- ✓ **The NICS Index:** persons determined to be prohibited under federal or state law from possessing firearms



FEDERAL PROHIBITED CATEGORIES:

- ✓ **Felons**
- ✓ **Fugitives**
- ✓ **Underage**
- ✓ **Adjudicated mental “defective” or committed to a mental institution**
- ✓ **Unlawfully in the U.S. or admitted to the U.S. under a nonimmigrant visa**
- ✓ **Dishonorably discharged from the military**
- ✓ **Renounced U.S. citizenship**
- ✓ **Convicted of a misdemeanor offense of domestic violence**
- ✓ **Court-issued restraining order**



THIS SOUNDS GREAT, RIGHT?

**UNFORTUNATELY, Background Checks
DO NOT APPLY TO...**

Online Sales + Gun Shows

40% of sales fall into these 2 categories...

Let's ensure gun sellers follow the SAME rules
we need to pass **EXPANDED BRADY BACKGROUND CHECKS!**



Our Approach & Platform

AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL, we support the Thompson-King Bill (**H.R. 1217**) in the House as well as new, more comprehensive bill (**H.R.3411**). We also support improving the computerized national database by decreasing the time it takes to complete background checks. While these initiatives have bipartisan support, they face uphill climbs.

AT THE STATE LEVEL, we need legislation now in order to:

- Close loopholes relating to gun show and online sales
- Mandate that no guns be sold until background checks are completed
- Prosecute illegal or “bad apple” gun dealers. 90% of guns used in crimes are supplied by 5% of the dealers. All gun dealers should have to follow the same laws (ATF Bureau, *Commerce in Firearms*, 2000)



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HOW YOU CAN HELP...!

1. **SIGN UP** before you leave - we'll put you on our "action" list, so you'll know when we need you during the 2016 legislative session:
 - Individual letters
 - Join us in Columbia during hearings
2. **RECRUIT** friends to sign up in other SC cities - use our template letter/Email
3. **COORDINATE A GROUP LETTER** from your neighborhood
4. **RECRUIT** your congregation to participate in Stand Up Sunday!

We need to engage, educate and ignite the demand for better legislation...!

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