Fact Sheet About Toy Guns (Continued)

On March 1, 2014, a 5-year-old boy accidentally shot his father in an Oklahoma City store. (Ref: Talkingpointsmemo.com)

On March 1, 2014 in Cincinnati, Ohio, an 8 -year-old boy was shot and killed by his brother while visiting their uncle. The boy said he thought it was a BB gun. (Ref: newschannel5.com)

On February 15, 2014, a 13-year-old teenager accidentally shot his friend while showing him a rifle. (Ref: Daily Hos News)

On February 7, 2014, in Sacramento, CA, a 16-year-old boy got shot in the abdomen, while playing with a gun, with 3 other boys in a car. They boys said, they thought it was a BB gun. (Ref: The Sacramento Bee)

On February 5, 2014, in Oxnard CA, two Oxnard police officers shot and critically wounded a 42-year-old woman carrying two replica gun which looked real. The woman was transported to hospital. (Ref. AP, Feb 7, 2014).

In 2013, Canton Police Department investigated 118 incidences involving fake guns that looked like real guns, in Canton Ohio alone. Canton police said," Unfortunately fake guns are being manufactured to look more realistic looking & look more indistinguishable from genuine guns". (Ref. Editorial- Canton Rep.com)

On December 24, 2013, 50-year old Xavier Hawkins dressed as Santa was shot from behind when he tried to approach three excited babies in Southeast Washington. Hawkins was rushed to a nearby hospital and treated. The shooting scene was captured by WJLA (channel 7). (Ref: The Washington Post)

On November 16, 2013, 14 year old Nick King was shot by a police officer for carrying a fake gun in Battle Creek, Michigan. King was moved to a nearby hospital to undergo treatment. (Ref: FOX17 Michigan)

On Oct. 22, 2013, in Santa Rosa, CA., police officer shot and killed Andy Lopez, a 13-year old boy for carrying a airsoft gun, which police say resembled to a real gun, and he mistook the replica gun with the AK-47 assault rifle.(Ref. Register Citizen).

On Sept. 20, 2013 in Detroit Michigan, a 9-year-old student at the Southgate Montessori Academy School was suspended indefinitely for bringing a toy gun to school that looked very real.

On Sept. 12, 2013, in Virginia Beach, Virginia a 13-year-old student was suspended for the remainder of school year, when was seen shooting his toy pellet gun, which looked very real, near a school bus. 3 other 7th graders were disciplined as well. (US News).

On Aug. 2013, in Carrolton, Texas City council banned the carrying of the fake gun (facsimile firearm) to school property.

On May 30, 2013, in Calvert County, a 5-year-old boy brought his cowboy style cap gun to school bus, showing it to his friend. He got suspended from school.

On April 9, 2013 in Greensville S. Carolina, Temorej Smith a 3-year-old boy accidently shot himself in the head & killed died. Police said the toddler and his 7-year-old sister were playing with the brightly colored pink handgun which they thought was a toy. The toddler was in the bedroom, and his grandparents were in the living room when the gun went out. (AP, Huffington Post).

 \*Fact: In California, it is a crime to brandish a look-alike gun in public. Ref. (injury.findlaw.com)-Airsoft guns-Find law-Accidents and injuries

On April 2013, in Oakland, police officer, shot & seriously wounded, a burglary suspect carrying a gun, which turned out to be a fake gun. (Ref. “Care”).

On Friday, Jan. 4, 2012, in Brownsville Texas, police officer, shot and killed Jaime Gonzales, a middle school student an 8 graders at Cumming Middle school, for having a gun in his hand, which turned out to be an airsoft pellet gun resembled a black Gluck. (Ref. AP, MSNBC, KVEO-TV).

On Wednesday Jan. 11, 2012, two men 23, and 17 years –old face assault charges for pointing a toy gun, an “airsoft gun” at a woman while she was driving. The weapon resembled a real assault rifle. (Ref. Fox 45 top stories).

In California, 1330 school suspensions were issued to students for bringing toy gun (imitation firearms) to school. (2010-2011 academic year) 70 students were expelled because of it. (Ref. Center for public Integrity-State data analyzed)

On October 23, 2011, Javier Gonzalez was passed outside a hotel after a costume party in San Jose, California. Javier was shot by policeman, who had mistaken his toy gun for a real one. In 2013, San Jose lost a lawsuit against Gonzalez, paying $4,950,000 to his name. (Ref: San Jose Mercury News)

In September 2011, Robert Martin was accidently shot by his 11 year-old relative in Henderson, Nevada. A real gun, stored in the child’s toy box, was mistaken for a toy gun. (Ref: FOX5, Nevada)

On Saturday Jan. 29?, 2011, a 39-Year –old Oakland man shot& killed by an Oakland police officer, after pointing a gun, which turned out to be a replica assault rifle.

In 2011, in Miami Florida, police shot and killed, a 57-year-old man who was carrying a realistic looking replica gun.

In December of 2010, 13-year old Rohayent Gomez was shot for carrying a fake airsoft pistol in Glassell Park, California. Gomez was left paralyzed due to the shooting. In 2012, Gomez won a $24 million lawsuit against the Los Angeles Police Department. (Ref. LA Times)

On May 6, 2010, in Silver Spring County, Montgomery, a 7 grader was arrested, and charged with second degree assault, after he accidently shot another student with an airsoft gun in the belly who was transported to a hospital for injuries. (Ref. Washington Post).

On Nov. 2009, in Broward County Florida, Samuel Burgos, a 7-year-old, was suspended, then expelled from school for bringing a toy gun to school. (CNN)

On May 21, 2009, in New Hampshire, two Pelham Hi-school students were arrested for bringing toy gun to school. School was put on lock down.

On May 11, 2009, a deputy in Palmdale, CA., shot a 15-Year-old boy who was playing “Cop & Rubbers” with a toy gun while he was riding a bicycle and brandishing a weapon. Police said they ordered him to drop the gun, and when he refused, they shot him. (Ref. Brains.org).

\*Fact: According to CDC, in 2005, in the United States, about 19,675 non powder gun injuries were treated in the hospital emergency rooms. Of these injuries 71% involved individuals under 20-years old. (Ref. CDC).