



## Gun Violence Prevention Group

### Mission Statement:

NWSOFA GVP Issues group has committed to becoming a bold advocate of change and action. We are determined to change the conversation surrounding gun violence in America, change the hearts of people we encounter through a spirit of volunteerism and kindness – and to take action to change the laws to create safer communities for every family in America.

### Goals:

- **Education** through periodic informational meetings,
- **Collaboration** with coalition non-partisan groups, such as local churches and Moms Demand Action
- **Action** by recruiting legislators to build support for legislation to strengthen background checks and by raising awareness through hosting Day of Action events, vigils, social media, writing letters to the editor

### Attend our next planning meeting:

We hold a short (30 - 45 minutes) Planning Meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month. If you are interested in joining our efforts to reduce gun violence, we invite you to attend our next monthly Gun Violence Prevention Group Planning Meeting:

Thursday, July 17th, at 6:30 pm.

Coffee Planet, 1450 Golf Rd. - Rolling Meadows, 60008.

(Near Intersection of Golf and Algonquin - on Walmart outlot)

To sign up or for more details:

<https://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/actionplanningsession/gs8z2c>

## **Opportunities to Take Action for Gun Violence Prevention**

### **Participate in Our Next Day of Action**

Date: Wednesday, July 23, 2014

Location: Coffee Planet – 1450 Golf Rd. - Rolling Meadows, 60008. (Near Intersection of Golf and Algonquin - on Walmart outlot)

Time: Noon – 2:00 PM

Sign up or for more details go to:

<https://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/gs82bs>

### **NWSOFA GVP Day of Action – Conversation, Calling and Connecting for Change**

Join members of the NWSOFA Gun Violence Prevention Issues team as we meet for our first Action Lunch at Coffee Planet. After a brief lunch to connect with each other over good food and conversation, we will be calling voters in the state of Washington to urge them to vote for a ballot initiative which would expand background checks for gun purchasers in their state.

Following the time set aside for calling Washington residents, we will be walking in pairs to visit local merchants to check out their interest in posting a “No Guns” sign and to engage them in conversation to measure their awareness of the right they have to post this sign. After our visit with the local merchants, we will return to the Coffee Planet to de-brief and discuss next steps. Hope to see you there!

### **Posting “No Firearms” Signs**

Since the new Concealed Carry Law has gone into effect in Illinois, concealed carry permit holders can legally take loaded firearms into most businesses (and in some cases even homes) unless a “No Firearms” sign is posted. You can post “No Firearms” notices at your home and ask local store and restaurant managers if they would consider posting the notices as well. Let them know that you feel more comfortable in business places that do not allow guns on the premises. You can also thank businesses that have already posted these signs. Cards with the “No Guns Allowed” symbol can be requested from Moms Demand Action by sending an e-mail request along with your name and address to: [illinois@momsdemandaction.org](mailto:illinois@momsdemandaction.org)

