

## Safety Chair Report December 17, 2012

We had a relatively safe year around the pool in PVS. I have not received the final report from USA Swimming; suspect it will arrive after the New Year.

I do have a new item for consideration and discussion by the BOD:

We have had a few instances of trouble at Tacoma Park and have chosen to not have meets there for now. We all have heard, more than most would care to, about the tragedy at Newtown and the other spots that have had active shooters do terrible things. All that, and my role as Safety Chair had me thinking; both prior to and during the Candy Cane Mini Meet this past weekend about our preparations or procedures for the unlikely occurring at one of our events or club practices. Some ideas to start the conversation:

- Who calls 911? (Beside everyone in the stands)
- Does Meet Management (need to) inform local authorities in advance that we are having an event and the size and population on hand?
- Marshal training upgrade needed on this area?
- Officials and Coaches position on/if anything is needed for their part?

I hope this doesn't result in knee-jerk reactions on our part; enough of that is already happening. I do believe we need to have this review process begin in PVS and hope the outcome will be our usual thoughtful outcome.

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