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Utah teachers carry weapons

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According to a story in USA Today by Cathy Lynn Grossman and Greg Toppo, Utah k-12 teachers have carried concealed weapons for 12 years now. New gun training class started in SLC today. Read the full story here: **Trainer for gun-toting teachers: 'Make it harder to kill a kid'**

Training sponsors say armed teachers can keep children safer, but one critic calls it 'a no-good, rotten idea.'

Meanwhile in Ohio:

The Buckeye Shooting Foundation is swamped with 20 times more applications ? from teachers and administrators to custodians and bus drivers -- than they have space for in a three-day tactical defense course to be offered this this spring.

Jim Irvine, president of the Ohio foundation, said Thursday that the \$1,000 per person Armed Teacher Training Program would be free for the 24 people selected from more than 400 applicants.

"What better use for an educational foundation than to help educators protect our children," he said.

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