Center for Education Safety

MSBA Center for Education Safety - MSBA (mosba.org)
What is CES?

We Are:

- The only statewide school safety organization in Missouri
  - School Safety Organizations in all 50 states
  - Most in departments of Education, Public Safety or Attorneys General
- Launched September 1, 2010
  - Originally a partnership of MSBA, Department of Public Safety and the Missouri Office of Homeland Security
  - MSBA assumed full support of CES in 2017 when state funding for school safety was no longer available
- Dedicated to enhancing emergency planning, preparedness, and safety and security in schools throughout Missouri
- Provides professional expertise through its staff on specific topics
- Serves as a clearinghouse for reliable school safety information and resources
Guided by Core Principles

Teaching and learning do not occur without a safe and secure environment for learners and those who instruct and support them.

Safety at public schools must be a community-focused effort.

This requires collaboration among:

- Policymakers at all levels
- Those who govern and manage schools
- Parents and guardians
- LE, Fire and other Emergency Responders
- Organizations that support children and families
1st Poll Question

What constitutes an “emergency” at a school?
Active Shooter

- Harden the exterior
  - Human factor is key
- Policies and Procedures
  - Do staff and students know what to do?
  - Plain language, easy-to-follow procedures
- Training and Drills
  - Do they know how to do it?
Is prevention possible?

• Secret Service
  • No “profile” of a school shooter
    • Predominantly male (98%)
    • Predominantly white (63%)
    • Female shooters on the rise
  • “Leaking” and “Broadcasting”
    • 90% + of plans are known
    • Most are not reported
      • Didn’t think he was serious
      • He just says that stuff
      • He’s always been a problem; ignore him
Courage2Report

Online: **WWW.COURAGE2REPORTMO.COM**

Call: **866-748-7047**

**Missouri’s Statewide School Safety Threat Reporting System**

MSBA  www.mosba.org
### Other School Emergencies

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<td>A bomb threat is called in to the school</td>
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When Would EM Get Involved?

Planning Considerations:

• Are schools included in your jurisdiction’s EOP?
• What types of emergencies would involve you and first responders?
• Would you activate the EOC?
• What would your role be?
2nd Poll Question

How much emergency operations planning do you think your schools do?
All of the Above

• Emergency planning and preparedness vary
• Some aspects are required by law, code or policy
• MSBA’s Center for Education Safety offers programs assist schools in preparing
Key Programs

School Safety Academy
- Basic Academy
- Continuing Education

Behavioral Risk Assessment Team training

MOEOP

Staff-conducted trainings
- Crossing Guard
- Concerning Behaviors training
- ICS training
- Crisis Communications training
- Reunification
- MOEOP

Technical Assistance to Schools
- After action review
- Connection with partner organizations
School Safety Academy

- State Law requires each district declare a School Safety Coordinator
  - Law is silent on training and certification

- CES created School Safety Academy
  - Basic academy
    - Includes practical skills training and school climate-related sessions
  - Continuing education
    - Meets the individual needs of districts
School Safety Academy

**Practical Skills:**
- EOP development/ MOEOP
- Site Assessments
- Legal Issues
- Crisis Communications
- Cybersecurity
- Human Trafficking

**School Climate:**
- Trauma-Informed Schools
- Multi-Tiered Systems of Support
- De-Escalation and Youth Crisis Intervention Teams
- Behavioral Risk (Threat) Assessment
- Bullying and Cyberbullying
- Digital Citizenship
Behavioral Risk Assessment training

• Uses the Secret Service’s Threat Assessment 11 Questions
  • Motives
  • Intent
  • Capacity

• Helps schools identify students on a pathway to violence

• Addresses the underlying concerns
MO EOP

MO EOP:

• Is a web-based application developed by MSBA
• Walks schools step-by-step through plan creation
  • Answering questions develops plan
• Stores plans after creation
• Provides easy updating of plans
• Allows sharing with first responders
Training for Schools

CES Staff-conducted Training
- Crossing Guard
- Recognizing Concerning Behaviors
- ICS for Schools
- Crisis Communications
- Reunification
- MOEOP

CES-Coordinated Partner Training
- Digital Citizenship
- Indoor Air Quality
- Vape-Free Schools
- Weather Impacts
- Interviewing Juveniles
- Prevention of Sexual Abuse
What Makes Schools Safer?
Outside

Hardening Exterior

• Secure entry
• Bullet-resistant glass/film

No-cost/low-cost options

• Door stops
• Identifying entry points
• Considering the “human factor”
Positive School Climate

- Trusted adults
- Recognition of concerning behaviors
  - Suicide
  - Violence
- Support of reporting
- Trauma-informed practices

Training and Drills

- In collaboration with first responders
Lessons Learned

• Shootings – Columbine, Arapahoe, Virginia Tech, Parkland, Oxford, Uvalde
  • Communication and Collaboration
• Natural and Manmade
  • Reunification and Recovery
RELATIONSHIPS MATTER

- Local first responders
- Community resources
- State resources
- Federal support
What Schools Want You to Know

- They do Emergency Preparedness planning
  - They want you to plan with them
- They understand ICS
  - They understand how it works in school
  - They know Incident Command:
    - begins with them
    - transfers to first responders for response
    - Transfers back to them for recovery
- They want you to exercise and drill with them
What Do You Want Schools to Know?
QUESTIONS?
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