



2016
SAFETY & SECURITY
UPDATE FOR
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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Safety and Security Procedures and Protocols

- Top down review and analysis of existing Safety and Security Programs for all schools
- Goal to enhance and strengthen the school districts overall security posture
- Continual building and improving upon Standard Response Protocol [SRP] to identify and neutralize emerging threats (man-made or natural)
- Continual training and drilling with increased complexity and challenges

Emergency Radio Communications

- Radio Site Surveys-key factor in determining the success of radio communications and capabilities
- Able to identify appropriate technologies to apply and obstacles to avoid, eliminate, or work around, and capacity needed
- Ability to “field test” before purchase is cost effective and proven
- Build in redundancy for effective communications

Standard Response Protocols (SRP)

- Training initially provided to Incident Management Teams (IMT) at each school site (train the trainer model)
- School Administrators, Teachers, and Support Staff received SRP training from IMT supported by Central Office and Shrewsbury Police Department (March/April), to include Extended School Care Program and Summer Programs
- Official Implementation and drilling of SRP

Emergency Radio Communications

- Ability to communicate during an emergency situation is absolutely critical
- Dedicated direct School to P.D. radio and base station capability
- Two-way, hand-held staff radios for communication amongst staff with added feature-P.D. has ability to “dial in” and communicate during emergencies

Emergency Management Table Top Exercises (TTX's)

- Simulated emergency scenarios in an informal setting
- Access plans, protocols, and systems (SRP)
- Three TTX's conducted this year with Shrewsbury Police and Fire Departments
- Continue to conduct TTX's in the future

Building Assessment Team (BAT)

- Comprised of School Department, Police, Fire, and Building Facilities representatives
- Focus on pinpointing high-risk areas in school buildings where potential problems or emergency situations might occur
- Results in "target hardening" and strengthening overall security posture of a school location
- Report generated with recommendations
- Conducted on annual basis

Training

- Continual tactical training with Shrewsbury Police, Fire, and other law enforcement agencies
- Repeated training and drills pertaining to emergency type scenarios to include Lockout, Lockdown, Shelter, and Evacuate

The Future of Safety and Security in the Schools

- Continue to build upon, improve, and refine protocols to meet the challenges of ever evolving threats
- Standardization of emergency SRP's, communications, equipment, and training
- Enhance and leverage technologies-school video surveillance systems
- Support and expand the High School Student Support Team (SST)-proactively prevent violence and inappropriate behavior in the schools