2017 School Committee Safety and Security Update

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School Safety and Security Goals and Objectives

- Every year the goal is to enhance and strengthen the school districts overall security posture

- Continue building and improving upon emergency SRP's to identify and neutralize emerging threats (man-made or natural)

- Continue training and drills with increased complexity and challenges

- Continue to leverage technology-video surveillance cameras and communications equipment

School Video Surveillance Camera (VSC) System

- Fully installed and integrated IP VSC system throughout the district
- 24/7 camera access through Local Area Network (LAN) via ExacQvision software for designated personnel
- Both PD/FD dispatch centers have the ability to access and monitor school site locations
- IT Training provided for authorized users
- Significantly improves overall security operations at the respective school sites
- Archived high resolution video can easily be searched by date & location
- Assures staff, students, teachers, and parents appropriate measures are in place to ensure their safety

Standard Response Protocols (SRP)

- Fully ingrained and proficient emergency SRP's deployed throughout the school district
- Continuous training and associated drills with increased complexity and scope (i.e. unannounced fire/active shooter, evacuation with "obstructed" exit ways.
- Re-evaluating and identifying school "safe zones" and/or protocols for severe weather situations (i.e. High School)

Emergency Management Table Top Exercises (TTX's)

- Simulated emergency response scenarios in an informal non-stressful setting

- Used to assess emergency management plans, protocols, and systems (SRP)

- Three TTX's conducted this year with Shrewsbury PD/FD and Town Department Heads (Intro to the FEMA Incident Command System (ICS), severe weather & susp white powder)

- Continue the conduct of TTX's in the future

Building Assessment Team (BAT)

- Comprised of School Department, Police, Fire, and Building Facilities representatives
- Continue identifying and improving high-risk areas in school buildings where potential problems or emergency situations might occur
- Continue-"target hardening"-strengthening overall security posture of a specific school location (i.e. installed PD/FD emergency radio repeater at SMS, repair or replace locking mechanisms, increase numbers of handheld radios etc)
- Annual report generated with findings and recommendations for corrective action

Training

- Continual tactical training with Shrewsbury Police, Fire, and other Law Enforcement/Emergency Management agencies
- Repetitive training and drills pertaining to emergency type scenarios to include Lockout, Lockdown, Shelter, and Evacuate
- VSC training for authorized school staff

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
- Continued standardization of emergency SRP's, communications, equipment, and training
- Enhance and leverage technologies both existing and newly identified- i.e. school video surveillance systems
- Continue to support and expand the HS Student Support Team (SST)-proactively prevent violence and inappropriate behavior in the schools

- Questions