School Safety and Crisis Management

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Chagrin Falls Exempted Village Schools
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CHAGRIN FALLS STRATEGIC PLAN

MISSION: Provide an educational experience empowering students to maximize their potential.
VISION: Within five years, we will provide a personalized education for all students.

We believe in:
- Maintaining high expectations
- Motivating for lifelong learning
- Providing a holistic education
- Sharing responsibility for student success
- Providing a safe environment
- Making purposeful change
- Embracing diversity
- Communicating in open and honest ways
- Promoting stewardship of human, fiscal, and material resources
- Persevering through challenges
Outline for Presentation

- School Safety in Modern Times
- Passive vs. Adaptive Protocol - ALICE
- Communication Clarity and Social Media Usage
- School Safety Systems at Chagrin
- Questions and Answers Time
School Safety in the Modern Times
An emergency is defined: as an event that threatens the actual safety and security of students, employees or visitors of the District or whose impact threatens the feeling of safety and security, both of which are detrimental to a positive learning environment.

Emergencies include, but are not limited to, fire, natural disasters, medical emergencies, industrial accidents, suicide, death of a student or employee, acts of violence, trauma and terrorism.

Exerted from Chagrin Falls Board Policy: EBC
A Study of 160 Active Shooter Incidents in the United States Between 2000 - 2013: Incidents Annually

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2014
Passive vs. Adaptable

ALICE Protocol
Research Adaptable Response

- Department of Justice (2011)
- Department of Education (2013)
- New York City Police Department (2012, 2013)

- All support theory to move away from a static and passive response to an active and adaptable response.
Passive vs. Adaptable

- What are standard human responses when threatened?
  - Freeze, Flight, and Fight
- How do we teach students to respond to the following threats:
  - Stranger Danger?
  - Fire?
- Department of Homeland Security
  - Run, Hide, Fight: Instead of being passive and being executed, be active and perhaps save your life and the lives of others
What is ALICE?

- “ALICE” is an acronym for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate.
- The main objective of the program is to provide the students and staff with options to increase their chance of survival during an “Active Shooter” emergency.
ALICE - Training & Drills

- C.F.P.D. Training at each School Location
- Drills at least 3 times per year
- New staff training
- Annual ALICE eLearing for all staff
- Substitute Teacher ALICE Protocol Training
- Specific Area/Department Training: Bus, Cafeteria, Playground
ALICE - eLearning System

- ALICE Training Institute has a K-12 e-Learning course that all of our staff take annually.
- Reviews the basics and keeps training content and protocol fresh for all staff.
- Actions taken by civilians, in between when the event begins and when law enforcement arrives, are significant and can increase survivability (ALICE - eLearning System fits this role for our school)
Communication Clarity and Social Media Usage
School Communication During Crisis

- **Dial Out**
  - Ensure contact information is current in Infinite Campus
  - All numbers in IC are called during an emergency situation.

- **Email Blast**
  - Use the “Get Connected” link at the top of the district website to sign up.
CFPD - Training & Support Service

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- Chagrin Falls Police Department
  - Your 911 - App for Community Use
- Police practice and drills for emergency coordinated responses.
Miscommunication and Assumption

- Caution for the use of a social media network to get answers from friends or unofficial sources
- There is a challenge with mis-communication and perception during a crisis
School Safety Systems at Chagrin
EOP (Emergency Operations Plan)

- Each school has a very detailed safety plan taking into account all threats and hazards for a particular school. The plan called an EOP (Emergency Operations Plan) address ways the school leaders will address threats and provides protocols for responding to those threats.
EOP Protocols / Annexes

- Missing Student Protocol
- Suicide of a Student / Suicide Threat
- Hostage Annex
- Bomb Threat Annex
- Natural Hazards Flood Annex
- Deny Entry/Lockdown Annex
- Shelter-In-Place Annex
- Natural Hazard - Severe Weather/Tornado Annex
- Drop, Cover and Hold (Earthquake) Annex
- Hazard Chemical Accident Annex
- Hazard Explosion Annex
- Hazard - Bus Accident Annex
- Biological Hazard/Blood-borne Pathogen Annex
- Fire Annex
- Evacuation and Reunification
Evacuation and Reunification

- As part of the EOP each school has multiple off-site evacuation sites as well as separate parent reunification sites.
- Parents, in the event of evacuation do not come to the school or location. Stay at home and wait to be directed to a reunification point.
- Safety forces will secure each site.
Drill Requirements / Each School

- Emergency Evacuation Drill (Fire Drill)
  - One per Month
- School Safety Drill
  - Three per Year
- Theoretical School Safety Drill
  - One per Year
- Tornado Drill
  - One per month during tornado season (March, April, May)
Student Safety Engagement Tools

Go Guardian Web Searching

- Safe search monitoring for content and keywords
- Alerts school administrators
- How to....
- Contact parent

Outbound Text Alerts for Students

- New outbound dialing / notification system
- Like colleges can allow student notifications
- Planning for secondary students for use with this system for emergency alerts and crisis management
School Safety Hotline

Calls or texts
844-SaferOH
(844-723-3764)

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

SPEAK UP
SAVE LIVES
Your Eyes & Ears Could Save Lives!
School Visitor Management

- **Camera** and **controlled entrance system** to limit visitor access through main entrance during the school day
- **Adapt / use** vestibule design best to **control access**.
- Dedicated trained staff
- School **sign in** and **sign out** required
Navigate Respond

- Automatic synchronization with Student Information Systems for access to class rosters
- Real-time display of who is accounted for, by name, not just numbers
- Message securely between staff and administrators
- Alarm may be initiated by any staff member
Navigate Flipchart

- Step-by-step emergency procedures
- Consistent, accurate information in the palm of their hand
- Accessible with or without an internet connection once the app is downloaded
Navigate Interactive Maps & Floor Plans

- Color code key areas and rooms
- Indicate locations of shut-off valves and life safety items
- Collaborate and plan with first responders
- Provide responders with one-click auto-login to access
MARCS Radio
Questions?