SAFETY AND SECURITY IN RURAL SCHOOLS

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FIRST RESPONDERS

- Who are the 1st Responders in a rural school?
 - Staff and Students!
- Alexander Public School is 45 minutes from closest law enforcement
 - How far is your law enforcement?
- EDUCATION IS THE KEY TO SAFETY!
- Fire Safety
 - The last death from fire in a school occurred in 1958.
 - Drills and Buildings
 - PRACTICE ANNUALLY
 - Everyone knows what to do if there is a fire
 - Every building has built in fire safety features



ALICE: ALERT, LOCKDOWN, INFORM, COUNTER, EVACUATE

- There is no order or right or wrong reaction; it is based on the situation of the moment.
- We're Not scared, We're Prepared
 - This an ALICE book to begin the training with littles
- Train Substitute Teachers
- Include Law Enforcement, Fire Department, Ambulance
- Train parents of what is expected from them.
 - Harm to the staff and students by involving themselves with phone calls, coming to the school, using social media, etc.
 - All of this takes away from first responders caring for their children and staff



ALERT

- Panic Buttons
- Navigate Prepared: https://navigate360.com/navigateprepared/
- Yell Out
- Inform ANYONE
- School Active Threat Alarm
- Cameras with AI



LOCKDOWN

- Barricade In
 - Night Lock Lockdown:
 - even PK kids can do it in less than 10 seconds
 - Build a barricade
 - Cover Windows
 - Remain in Place
 - Spread out
 - Silence
 - Arm yourself
 - Fire Extinguishers in every classroom
 - Glass break tool in every window sill
 - Emergency bags and buckets
- Virginia Tech
 - Classroom differences in reactions and fatality







INFORM AND COUNTER

- Inform:
 - Call 911
 - Others coming into the school
 - More detail the better
- Counter
 - Teach to attack as a network
 - One to one; last resort
 - Throw whatever you have
 - Bathroom: garbage, mirror, etc.



EVACUATE

- Prearranged Route
 - Road use for First Responders
 - Road use for Students and Staff
- Reunification:
 - Off campus member of team to unlock the area
 - Supplies for students/staff
 - Games, Rosters, First Aid
 - Emergency Release
 - Food and Water plan
 - Navigate Prepared
 - On site release forms as well



LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRST RESPONDERS

- Alexander Public School Active Threat Scare
 - McKenzie County Sheriff's Department
 - ND Highway Patrol
 - Border Patrol
 - Watford City Police Department
- Dispatch
 - Access to cameras
 - Lockbox numbers for Master Key
 - Alexander Crisis Team Contact Information
 - Access to safety plans and routes
- School Maps
 - Every deputy has access to our school map
 - Maps are outside every Admin Door in bulk
 - Lockbox numbers for Master Key
 - Alexander Crisis Team Contact Information
 - Access to safety plans and routes



LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTINUED

- Law Enforcement
 - Use the school for drills
 - Discount to our Fitness Center
 - Lunch price discount
 - Office for deputies to use 24/7
 - PRESENCE!
 - Lockbox numbers for Master Key
 - Alexander Crisis Team Contact Information
 - Access to safety plans and routes



OTHER EMERGENCIES

- Suicide, Death of Student/Staff, Bus Accident, Etc.
 - What to do when?
 - Crisis Team and Manual
 - What to say to staff?
 - What to mail out to the public, etc.
- Medical Codes
 - Plans in place with medical team
 - Cover from other employees
- Crisis Manual
 - Crisis Team
 - School members, Law Enforcement, Fire Department, Emergency Management, Parents, Board members, Ambulance
 - Support from other schools around
 - Cover from other employees



MENTAL HEALTH OF STUDENTS AND STAFF

- Impact of Trauma
- See Something, Say Something
 - This has to be taught over and over
- Staff trauma; don't forget about them
 - They see it, they witness it, experience it
 - Superintendent and Board Members included!



WHAT IS SCHOOL BOARD ROLE?

- Policy development
 - Assign spokesperson
- Budget allocation
- Facilities management
- Training and education
- Communication
- Be knowledgeable in what your school is doing and why



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