



**PARENT UNIVERSITY**  
**Safety & Security**

# Guest Panelists



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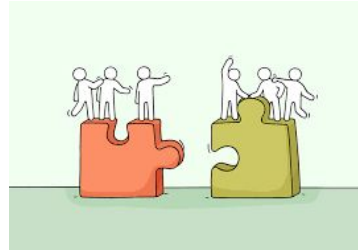
Patrolman Daniel Latham, West-Windsor Police Department

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# A Community Responsibility



Schools were not constructed throughout most of the last century with security as a primary concern. Schools were to be open, welcoming, and nurturing places for students and the community. Unfortunately, school safety and security can no longer be taken for granted, and stakeholders can no longer act as if the worst case of unimaginable violence “won’t happen here”

*-New Jersey School Security Task Force Report and Recommendations, 2015*

# Law Enforcement Collaboration

- Memorandum of Understanding
- Regular Communication & Articulation
- Police Presence As Needed
- School Security Walkthroughs
- Class III Police Officers



# School Security Plans



- NJ School safety and security plans are required
- Each plan must be designed locally with the help of law enforcement, emergency management, public health officials and all other key stakeholders
- All plans must be reviewed and updated on an annual basis including procedures to respond to critical incidents ranging from bomb threats, fires and gas leaks, to an active shooter situation

# Emergency Response Plans

- Emergency Response Plans
- Preparedness Plans to Strengthen School Campus Defenses: Assessment, Mapping, Exteriors etc.
- Training
- Communication
- Cyber Security



# Safety & Security Drill Law



- NJ State Law 18A:41-1 states that every school shall have at least one fire drill and one school security drill each month
- Clear post drill announcements that an event is a drill and no current danger exists
- Does not include use of fake blood, props, shooter simulations which may induce panic
- Same day written notification to parents/guardians

# Safety and Security Drills



<b>LOCKDOWN</b>	<b>EVACUATION</b>	<b>FIRE ALARM EMERGENCY</b>	<b>SHELTER IN PLACE</b>	<b>LOCKOUT</b>	<b>MEDICAL EMERGENCY</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Active Shooter</li><li>● Intruder</li><li>● Threat in all district schools</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Bomb Threat or incident</li><li>● Gas leak</li><li>● Extended loss of power</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Fire Alarm</li><li>● Fire</li><li>● Gas Leak</li><li>● Hazardous Material incident</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Natural disaster or extreme weather conditions</li><li>● Medical situations</li><li>● Safety situations deemed necessary by building administration</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Exterior Threat</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Cardiac Arrest</li><li>● Loss of Consciousness</li><li>● Severe difficulty breathing or anaphylaxis</li></ul>



# Class III Police Officers



- Experienced armed police officers with extensive training
- Patrol schools to protect against external threats
- Regular school inspections to ensure facilities are secure
- Maintain positive rapport with students, families, and staff
- Supports community policing practices
- Authority of West Windsor/Plainsboro Police Departments

# Eyes on the Door Security



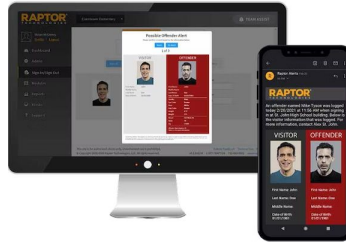
- Provide security monitoring at main school entrance
- Checks identification of visitors entering the school and verifies background via Raptor technology
- Detains unauthorized persons; calls for police assistance in accordance with the district's security plan/crisis plan
- Upholds school security plan as assigned

# Security Vestibules



- A secured space at the main (visitor) school entrance
- Two sets of doors and visitor sign-in area
- Once a visitor has signed in and been identified as an authorized visitor, the doors from the sign-in area to the school are electronically unlocked

# School Visitor Management Protocols



- An appointment is required unless specifically requested by school personnel
- A valid driver's license or other identification is required
- Visitors are screened via Raptor technology against sex offender and custom databases, including those with custody orders and banned visitor status

# Security Camera Systems



- 700+ security cameras District wide serve as both a deterrent and an incident recovery tool
- Cloud based system allows for 24/7 remote access
- Building exterior law enforcement monitoring

# School Wide Lockdown Capabilities



- School and classroom phones can lock down building
- School wide automated visual / audio announcements
- Instant law enforcement and administrative notification

# School Threat Assessment Team



Threat assessment teams provide school teachers, administrators, and other staff with assistance in identifying students of concern, assessing those students' risk for engaging in violence or other harmful activities, and delivering intervention strategies to manage the risk of harm for students who pose a potential safety risk to prevent targeted violence in the school and ensuring a safe and secure school environment that enhances the learning experience for all members of the school community.

# Crisis Response Policy #8468



The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to be prepared to confront circumstances in which the physical and/or mental well-being of students, staff and other individuals on school grounds is threatened or overtly impacted upon by an individual or group of individuals.



# Gaggle Software



- Flags concerning content in students' school-issued accounts for review and blocks potentially harmful content
- Gaggle helps K-12 districts see the early warning signs so they can take action to protect students from harming themselves or others—before it's too late
- In severe situations concerning student mental health or safety, district-appointed contacts are immediately notified by phone, even after standard business hours

# Rutgers University Behavioral Health

- On-Site Crisis Intervention & Screening
- Access to Mental Health Services
- Collaboration with Mental Health Providers
- Mental Health Awareness & Education
- Consultation to Support Current Practices
- Referrals made through School Counselors



# Other Student Supports

- School Counselors
- Student Assistance Counselors
- Child Study Teams
- School Nurses
- School Administration



# Be Smart Program



Secure firearm storage is an essential part of home safety. With more guns in more homes due to an unprecedented surge in gun sales over the past few years, it's more important than ever for parents and caregivers to know how secure storage protects children.

**QUESTIONS?**