

SCHOOL SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PLANNING UPDATES

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AGENDA

- ◉ What is new in District emergency planning
- ◉ Partnerships in planning
- ◉ The current and future of threat assessment
- ◉ Status of SRO requests
- ◉ History of TUSD involvement with the Protective School Model

BACKGROUND

- Risk Management maintains District Emergency Plans - Based on State Model.
- School Safety responds to incidents at sites and also assists with emergency drills

EMERGENCY PLANNING HISTORY

- ◉ Existing District emergency plans created in 2004.
- ◉ Updates are underway, ADE has updated State model which District is using, rollout was March 13, 2013.
- ◉ FEMA has made changes to Federal model.
- ◉ First Responders are continually upgrading/refining training methods based on incidents.

TUSD STAFF INVOLVEMENT IN EMERGENCY PLANNING

- ◉ We represent TUSD on the ADE Emergency Response Advisory Council, part of the School Safety and Prevention section at ADE, which recently updated the state emergency planning model.
- ◉ We represent TUSD on the Pima County Emergency Response Council, School Preparedness group, sponsored by the Pima County Office of Emergency Management.

TUSD STAFF INVOLVEMENT IN EMERGENCY PLANNING

- Four staff members attended FEMA Emergency Planning for Schools training at the National Emergency Training Center.
- We take part in a Northeast Phoenix Valley School Emergency Response Consortium, attending quarterly meetings to exchange information, plans and concepts for trainings. These involve school security, transportation, and health issues.



WHAT HAVE WE CHANGED?

- ◉ In addition to existing Board Policy /Regulation on emergency planning and drills, we now have a new one - EBCB-R.
- ◉ EBCB-R will now require all sites to complete two emergency drills a year in addition to monthly fire drills.
- ◉ Lockdown recording system and panic button install at each site is underway.

PHYSICAL SECURITY REPORT

- Based in part on a School Safety Security Survey (threat assessment) of 2011-12, a number of security upgrades to fencing and access control are being made with a portion of remaining bond money.
- Access Control is done or in progress at 25 school sites.
- Significant fencing projects done at one elementary and one middle school. (smaller projects underway or done at several others)

FUTURE THREAT ASSESSMENT

- ◉ Training for first School Safety staff on national model will occur on April 17, 2013.
- ◉ Presented by Pima County OEM.
- ◉ The remainder of School Safety will receive training to take concepts to District staff.
- ◉ This training goes beyond physical security to include violence prevention and intervention strategies.

FUTURE THREAT ASSESSMENT

- ◎ This training can build on previous training received by many members of School Safety last year, offered by the US Secret Service and US Department of Education - “Threat Assessment - Managing threatening situations and creating safe school climates.”



OTHER AGENCIES

- ◉ We are working closely with the TPD Emergency Management and Homeland Security Section - They are also members of the Pima County School Preparedness Group.
- ◉ We also are underway with joint lockdown drill practices using police division based officers in their assigned schools.
- ◉ Next year TPD would like to do emergency exercise tabletops with sites and one full scale response exercise.
- ◉ We are preparing to schedule TPD active shooter training for District staff on PD days.

OTHER AGENCIES

- ◉ We are also working closely with the Pima County Sheriff Department, they are willing to train District staff in active shooter response at our county school sites.
- ◉ Another partnership we are involved in is facilitating active shooter and school violence response training for law enforcement at closed school sites.



OTHER AGENCIES AND PLANS

- At the new state emergency plan rollout on March 13, 2014, we laid the groundwork to create a Southern Arizona School Emergency Response Consortium to move beyond the scope of the Pima County OEM School Preparedness group. Working with them, we plan to involve districts from Pima, Santa Cruz and Cochise counties.

STATUS OF SRO PROGRAMS

- Last year had part time officers in two high schools.
- We have had talks with TPD about returning this. (Currently as overtime assignments for TPD)
- ADE Safe School grant for SRO program may be bolstered by changes to state budgets for School Safety

ADE SAFE SCHOOLS GRANT

- ◉ Competitive process
- ◉ Runs in a three year cycle
- ◉ Up again in 2014 (Process in Spring)
- ◉ Currently fully funded positions - no matching funds required
- ◉ SRO's must currently teach 180 hours per year.
- ◉ About 105 funded last year

FEDERAL LEVEL LEGISLATION

- **The Comprehensive School Safety Program** - would provide \$150M in funding to hire SROs, school psychologists, social workers and counselors as well as purchase school safety equipment.

PROTECTIVE SCHOOLS MODEL

- ◉ Authored by UA Professor Kris Bosworth.
- ◉ TUSD first implemented elements of the program in the late 1990's under a Federal school counseling grant.
- ◉ Also used was a LINKS grant - UA and community/school partnership. (no longer funded)
- ◉ Last active use was in 2010 when the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) training was given to 2 schools. (46 total, most 2003-2006)
- ◉ Training still offered periodically and some TUSD staff usually attend.

QUESTIONS?

- We are ready to help all District staff with any safety and emergency planning issues.
- Please give us a call.
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- Thanks!

