Emergency Preparedness

Overview of Planning and Response
Town Hall Meeting
June 5, 2018
Tucson Unified School District
School Safety Director Jeffrey Coleman

Plans

- All schools have an updated and personalized emergency plan based on the ADE template
- All schools have designated reunification sites for walking or bused evacuations
- Central 1010 support team organized to respond and assist at a student/parent reunification

Training

- In 2015-16, every District school staff was trained in the new procedures. Since then updated and ongoing training is provided for staff and administrators
- Training is adapted to respond to previous incidents (fire alarm response)
- Emergency Management has trained staff during PD sessions at 78 schools or sites this year

Training

- Site-based training stresses quickly locking down classrooms and remaining in place even in the event of a Fire alarm unless there is evidence of fire
 - The site-based training exercises also tests systems such as lockdown buttons and PA systems
- Emergency Procedures Basic Training provided for new monitors
- Training in emergency procedures for our bus drivers

Drills

- Drills are required by Board Policy and can be hard or soft lockdowns, off site evacuations, reverse evacuations, (getting everyone outside, or inside), or shelter in place (used for weather or hazards such as chemical spills)
- In SY 17-18, 136 drills were conducted and Emergency Management and other Safety staff have been present and provided a thorough debriefing critique of 102 site drills

Drill Highlights 17-18

- Reverse Evacuation at THMS during a lunch period
- Off-site Evacuation Drill held with at the Brichta Infant and Early Learning Center
- Reunification drill held with Carrillo Elementary and the Central 1010 support team at the TCC

Prevention

- We have instituted single point of entry to schools
- Access Control Systems are in place at 31 sites, front door camera and intercom systems are in place at 39 schools
- Lockdown Panic buttons that lock electronic door systems and/or alert staff and the Office of School Safety of a lockdown is in place at 63 sites
- Funding for lockdown panic buttons and front door camera systems are approved and being added at remaining schools between June 4th and July 14th

Prevention

- Yellow Classroom Emergency Guides updated and distributed for every classroom (Pima County Emergency Grant)
- Magnets for metal door frames and wood blocks for wood door frames distributed District wide to allow staff to keep doors locked and remove these barriers in a lockdown (2500 magnets were grant funded)

New Threat Assessment Protocol

- Based on the ADE model with modifications requested after reviewed by Leadership
- School Safety Officers were trained to facilitate use
- Will be rolled out to administrators and Counselors in July 18
- In use for SY 18-19.

New Threat Assessment Protocol

- The protocol addresses:
 - Unknown perpetrator electronic, written or verbal threats
 - Transient threats (expression of anger or frustration, often intended as a joke)
 - Substantive threats (serious threat to harm others that involves a detailed plan and means)

Partnerships with Law Enforcement

- 8 SRO's from Tucson PD
- 2 are grant funded from ADE (was 8 from 2014-1017)
- 6 additional are funded through a cost sharing partnership with TPD and TUSD
- 3 SRO's provided by PCSD and funded by their department

Report Concerns to Safety

- School Safety Tip-Line
- Phone 584 7680
- Online

http://www.tusd1.org/Departments/Safety/ School-Safety-Tip-Line

Report concerns and questions to

School Safety Dispatch 584-7676

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