

School Safety and Security

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Objectives

- School safety and security issues
- Factors affecting school safety
- Key components of school safety planning
- Engaging the community for safer schools



School Crime and Violence

- Youth are the most victimized people in the United States.
- Youth were victims of about 2.2 million nonfatal crimes while at school in 2006.
 - Two-thirds of student victimization was by theft.
 - One-third of student victimization was by violent crime.

Source: Indicators of School Crime and Violence, U.S. Department of Education

School Crime and Safety

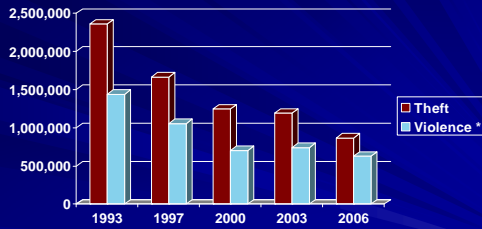
Students say

- 7% were bullied
- 9% were threatened or injured with a weapon
- 13% reported being in a fight on school property
- 21% reported gangs in their schools
- 29% were offered or given drugs
- 36% saw hate graffiti; 12% were the victims of hate speech



Source: *Indicators of School Crime and Safety*, U.S. Department of Education

School Crime and Safety



*Violence includes rape, sexual assault, robbery, simple assault, and aggravated assault.

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Impact on Achievement

“Theft and violence at school and while going to and from school can lead to a disruptive and threatening environment, physical injury, and emotional stress, and can be an obstacle to student achievement.”

Source: *Elliott, Hamburg, and Williams*, 1998

Factors Affecting Safety

- School security
 - Hardware, technology, protocols, and policies
- School design
 - Access control, natural surveillance, and territorial reinforcement
- School climate
 - Values, norms, and attitudes

School Climate Issues

- Bullying, intimidation, and isolation
- Harassment and prejudice
- Social cliques - gangs
- Theft and graffiti
- Disrespect between teachers/staff and students
- Lack of student reporting of crime and safety issues

Safe Schools

- Positive school climate and atmosphere
- Clear and high academic and disciplinary expectations of students
- Strong student attachment to the school
- High levels of both student participation and parent involvement
- Values and practices that make everyone feel included; appreciation of diversity

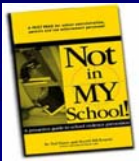
Source: Trends and Issues Affecting School Safety

Safe Schools

- Building and grounds are well maintained.
- Students feel safe reporting crime and safety problems to staff.
- Disciplinary and safety problems are quickly and appropriately addressed.
- Access is controlled and visitors are monitored.
- All staff actively supervise students both inside and outside the classroom.
- All areas are safe by design or by staff supervision.

Safe Schools Planning

- Establish a team.
- Assess needs.
- Prioritize needs.
- Develop and implement a plan.



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Who Should Be Involved?



Needs Assessment

- Collect existing indicator data.
- Survey parents, staff, and students about their safety concerns.
- Assess climate, security, and design.
- Conduct an inventory of assets.

Prioritize Needs

- What's important?
- What's feasible?
- What is cost-effective?



Develop a Plan

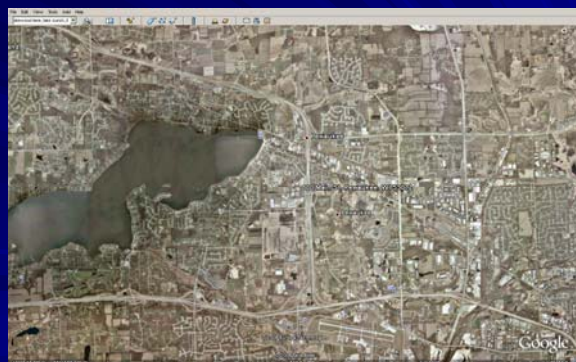
- Set measurable objectives that include
 - Time frame
 - Desired change.
- Select effective programs and strategies.
- Break the plan down step-by-step.

Law Enforcement and First Responders



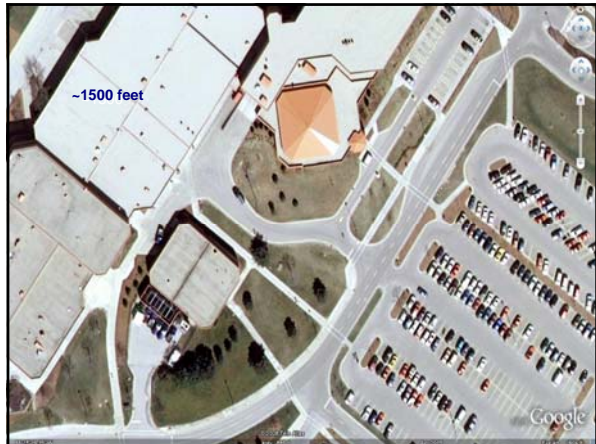
- Information-sharing and collaboration
- Training for staff in emergency response
- Training for staff and faculty in warning signs
- Law-related education for students
- CPR and First Aid classes for staff and student

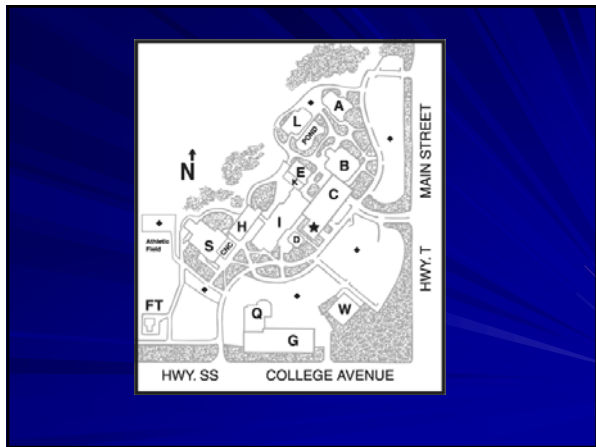
The “40,000 foot view”



Now we start – at about 4,000 feet!







Is the building locked? Secure?



Roof Access

Are your vehicles locked?



Hiding places around the campus?



How many security 'issues' here?



Or here?



Landscaping...



Portable ladders

















Aviation Programs ?



Video Surveillance?



'Security' of the coax? -->

Lighting!





Questions? Comments?

Time for a break!
