

School Safety Information

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School Safety Specialists,

1. The Indiana General Assembly recently passed **Special Session House Enrolled Act 1230** which requires an audit of each school's safety plan and an onsite visit to the corporation by August 1, 2019. The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) is currently working through the final logistics to complete these safety plan audits. In the meantime, IDOE is providing a checklist of items that will be audited during this process. The checklist, which outlines legally mandated protocols for schools to be compliant with their safety plans, can be found [here](#) . More information regarding the process, timing of visits, and safety plan submission will be distributed at a later date.
2. House Enrolled Act 1230 also required the **state fire marshal** to send written guidance describing how schools may apply fire safety requirements for an unplanned fire alarm to provide security to students. This guidance from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security is available online [here](#).
3. The **U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center** has created an operational guide that provides action steps that schools can take to develop comprehensive targeted violence prevention plans for conducting threat assessments in schools. The guide, titled "*Enhancing School Safety Using a Threat Assessment Model: An Operational Guide for Preventing Targeted School Violence*" is available online here: <https://www.doe.in.gov/safety/threat-assessment>
4. Time is running out for school corporations to make their voices heard on positive discipline and bullying issues. In the 2018 legislative session, the General Assembly passed two laws requiring the Indiana Department of Education to survey school corporations on the extent to which they are implementing positive discipline policies and to gather opinions on the bullying report submitted to IDOE. The survey closes August 10. Please see the attached memo for more information on the survey. You may also link directly to the survey with this link: <https://form.jotform.com/81366216929969>
5. A menu of approved **School Safety Specialist Academy** trainings is listed below. School Safety Specialists are required to attend two days of training during the 2018-2019 school year to maintain their certification, and each day listed below counts towards one day of that re-certification. Many of the trainings below are available for all educators, law enforcement, and their school safety partners. Please forward this information to your local first responders or other personnel who may benefit from attending. Please note; lodging will not be provided for Regional Trainings. Lodging will be provided only for certified

School Safety Specialists traveling 75 miles or more for the September 10-11, 2018 and the May 13-14, 2019 Advanced Academy trainings.

September 5-7, 2018, Indianapolis: Fall Law Enforcement Conference. This training is sponsored by the United States Attorney's Office and is only available for sworn law enforcement. Topics include information about law enforcement response, leadership, and more. Registration and additional information are available here: <https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/safety/2018-fall-lawenforcement-conference-registration.pdf>

September 10-11, 2018, Indianapolis: School Safety Specialist Advanced Academy. This training is available to certified school safety specialists, law enforcement, and their guests. Topics include threat assessment, active shooter response, student reunification, low cost safety initiatives, and more. Lodging will be provided only for certified School Safety Specialists traveling 75 miles each direction. Registration and additional information are available here: <http://www.doe.in.gov/safety/advanced-level-training>

September 20, 2018, Mishawaka: "Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogations," presented by Joseph Buckley, Reid and Associates. The program is co-sponsored by the St. Joseph County School Safety Commission and is available to all educators, law enforcement, and school safety partners. Topics include verbal/nonverbal cues of deception, and how to develop and phrase conversations that leads to admission and cooperation. Registration and additional information are available here: <https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/safety/reid-technique-penn-september-20-2018.pdf>

September 25, 2018, Greensburg: "Tragedy at Sandy Hook: A Law Enforcement Perspective and Lessons Learned," presented by Daniel Jewiss, lead investigator for the Sandy Hook school shootings. The program is co-sponsored by the Greensburg Community School Corporation and is available to all educators, law enforcement, and school safety partners. Topics include an overview of events, priorities of first responders, securing the scene, managing threats, and more. Registration and additional information are available here: <https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/safety/greensburg-regional-training-flyer.pdf>

September 28, 2018, Saint John: "School Safety Legal Updates," presented by Dr. Bernard James. The program is co-sponsored by the United States Attorney's Office, Lake Central School Corporation, and Saint John Police Department and is available to all educators, law enforcement, and school safety partners. This training will cover legal updates and the recent surge in case law and legislation on student rights and the duty to keep schools safe. Registration and more information are available here:

<https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/safety/2018-september-28-legal-school-safety-updates.pdf>

November 14, 2018, Merrillville: “Why Teens Kill,” presented by Phil Chalmers, author. The program is co-sponsored by the Lake County School Safety Commission and is available to all educators, law enforcement, and school safety partners. Topics include triggers identified by attackers, implications of firsthand accounts, and youth culture/trends. Registration and additional information are available here: <https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/safety/lake-county-why-teens-kill.pdf>

November 15, 2018, Merrillville: “Student Reunification Methods: National Perspective and Local Approach,” presented by John-Michael Keyes of the "I Love U Guys" Foundation and Rex Cook of Mooresville Schools. The program is co-sponsored by the Lake County School Safety Commission and is available to all educators, law enforcement, and school safety partners. Session will focus on proven methods for planning, practicing and achieving a successful reunification after an unforeseen emergency at school. Registration and additional information are available here: <https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/safety/lake-county-reunification-training.pdf>

October 2, 2018, Vincennes: “Digital Threat Assessment Training; Online Assessments for Violence Potential in Our Schools,” presented by Sam Jingfors. The program is co-sponsored by the Vincennes Community School Corporation and is available to all educators, law enforcement, and school safety partners. Topics include understanding current social media platforms, social media data collection, and procedural recommendations for law enforcement and school administrators. Registration and additional information are available here: <https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/safety/digital-threats-vincennes-october-2.pdf>

October 3, 2018, Jeffersonville: “Digital Threat Assessment Training; Online Assessments for Violence Potential in Our Schools,” presented by Sam Jingfors. The program is co-sponsored by Greater Clark County Schools and is available to all educators, law enforcement, and school safety partners. Topics include understanding current social media platforms, social media data collection, and procedural recommendations for law enforcement and school administrators. Registration and additional information are available here: <https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/safety/digital-threats-jeffersonville-october-3.pdf>

October 22, 2018, Fort Wayne: “School Safety; Preparedness for the Worst Case Scenario,” presented by Mark Litwinko. The program is co-sponsored by the Allen County School Safety Commission and Purdue University Fort Wayne, and is available

to all educators, law enforcement, and school safety partners. Topics include rescue task force awareness in the event of an emergency situation, and bleeding control basics for response prior to emergency crew arrival. This will be “hands-on” training, so wear comfortable clothing that allows kneeling and is conducive to movement. Registration and additional information are available here: <https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/safety/october-22-worst-case-scenario-registration.pdf>

October 23, 2018, Fort Wayne: “Digital Harm-A Persistent Vulnerability for School Safety,” presented by Dr. Michelle Drouin. The program is co-sponsored by the Allen County School Safety Commission and Purdue University Fort Wayne, and is available to all educators, law enforcement and school safety partners. Attendees will receive foundational knowledge on the risks of digital harm, with the goal of helping them devise plans for introducing the topics of digital safety and social media responsibility to the youth and families within their schools. Registration and additional information are available here: <https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/safety/october-23-dr-drouin-registration.pdf>

November 26, 2018 Noblesville: “High in Plain Sight: Sweeping Drug Trends,” presented by Jermaine Galloway (Tall Cop Says Stop). The program is co-sponsored by Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs and is available to all educators, law enforcement, and school safety partners. Session will provide insight into new drug trends among youth including drug concentrates and popular items that students are utilizing to convey drug messages without school administrators or parents knowing. Registration and additional information are available here: <https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/safety/high-plain-sight-registration-form-002.pdf>

November 27, 2018 Anderson: “High in Plain Sight: Sweeping Drug Trends,” presented by Jermaine Galloway (Tall Cop Says Stop). The program is co-sponsored by Anderson Community Schools and is available to all educators, law enforcement, and school safety partners. Session will provide insight into new drug trends among youth including drug concentrates and popular items that students are utilizing to convey drug messages without school administrators or parents knowing. Registration and additional information are available here: <https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/safety/anderson-galloway-nov-2018.pdf>

May 13-14, 2019, Indianapolis: School Safety Specialist Advanced Academy. This training is only available to certified school safety specialists, law enforcement, and their guests. Topics and agenda TBA. Lodging will be provided for non-commuters traveling

75 miles each direction. Registration and additional information will be made available in January 2018.

Drill Substitution Option: Safety Specialists are allowed to substitute one interagency school safety drill/training exercise (involving multiple first responder agencies) for one day of the required on-site academy training per school year. This drill/exercise must include a planning session and participation from local first responders. The drill substitution form and participant list must be submitted to IDOE as documentation of attendance and participation with the interagency school safety drill:

<http://www.doe.in.gov/safety/drill-substitution-option>

******Basic Training** registration is also available for new School Safety Specialists. These forms are available online: <http://www.doe.in.gov/safety/basic-level-training> . This training consists of three days of onsite training in Indianapolis, along with two additional days of online training.

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