

Safety and Security in District 64



Board of Education
Committee-of-the-Whole
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Partnering with Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA)



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Introductions of our Partners

Board Directive as an Outgrowth of Ongoing Safety Focus

- Safety has been & remains a top priority in D64
- 2013 -- RETA Security Audit Conducted
- Recommendations Provided -- Checklist began 2015
 - Secure Vestibules Proposed in 2016
- Outgrowth of Larger Conversation:
 - Work on completing recommendations from RETA
 - Focus: *What More Can We Do to Ensure Our Schools are As Safe as They Can Be?*
 - Per BOE - develop a Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan



Your Role in Creating a Safe School Environment

- Staff message -- in a crisis, **we are *all* first responders until our community first responders arrive to help us**
 - Paradigm Shift
- Be prepared to take an active role in an emergency situation
- Goals: ***Consistency of operation and standardizing procedures across all schools***



Standardizing D64's Emergency Operation Plan

What is an Incident Command System?



Why is ICS Important in Schools?

- Standardized “all hazards” approach to command, control and coordination of emergency response from multiple agencies
- Common Terminology and Operating Procedures
- Best Practice -- Emergency Management



Incident Command System (ICS)

- Consistency of Operation during a Crisis
- Used to [Manage Multiple Types of Incidents](#)
- Protocols and Transitions from D64 staff to First Responders



From Building Crisis Teams to ICS



- Revamp Crisis Team Members & Establish Clear Purpose
- Crisis Teams
 - Meet 2-3 times per year
 - Review and update building plans and procedures for evacuation; visit designated off-site emergency location
 - Evaluate crisis situations to address responses and discuss ways to improve
- Provide ongoing training to build capacity to react to crisis situations swiftly and with confidence

Preparedness Training: Knowledge is Power

- Preparedness Training -- multi-year process now well underway
- Review of existing and new emergency procedures for a variety of occurrences



Preparedness Training for...

- Here is a sampling of the 25 existing and/or new “annexes” with emergency procedures for:
 - Bomb Threats
 - Lockdown
 - Mass Casualty
 - Pandemic
 - Reunification
 - Reverse Evacuation
 - Shelter in Place
 - School/Student Activity Bus Accident
 - Suspicious Package
 - Tornado
 - Visitor and Entrance Safety
 - Accounting for all persons
 - After hours community Activities and After School Activities

Sample Annex: Tornado

Purpose:

As severe weather is a frequent occurrence in the Chicagoland area, it is critical that School District 64 have a plan in place to handle severe weather incidents, specifically **Tornadoes** and **Tornado Warnings** and **Watches**.

Scope:

The following **Tornado** procedure outlines steps to be taken to protect students and staff from injury or death during a **Tornado** incident.

Responsibilities:

To implement this **Tornado** procedure:

- The Incident Commander or designee will be responsible for notifying the Superintendent's Office.
- All staff and students will undergo training and participate in severe weather drills.
- Staff assigned to work with students/staff with access and functional needs will undergo in depth training in providing appropriate assistance during drills and emergency situations.
- Bus drivers assigned to School District 64 will be trained in severe weather procedures.

Sample Annex: Tornado (continued)

Specialized Procedures:

NOTE: The following National Weather Service definitions dictate response procedures.

Tornado Watch:

No **Tornado** has been sighted. There is a chance of dangerous weather with damaging winds but not until later.

Staff should be on the lookout for the danger signs listed below and be ready to move quickly to safety if the warning signal is given.

In the event of a Tornado Watch:

1. No siren will be sounded.
2. Notification will be received in the schools from the National Weather Service via the weather alert receiver.
3. All activities should continue as usual.
4. Students waiting for school buses should wait inside until their bus arrives.
5. Walking students should be advised to go home immediately.

Tornado Warning:

A **Tornado** has been sighted.

2016-17 Enhancements & Resources

- That was the District-wide overview of our work
- Now let's review the enhancements at the schools
- And new resources we are adding this year and in future years

Changes Matter - Building Enhancements

- Impact resistant film applied on building entryways
- More Sonitrol card swipe locations added
- More interior and exterior cameras added
- Washington's Secure Vestibule - model for future
- Panic buttons in offices
- "Hold open" alarms linked to office monitors

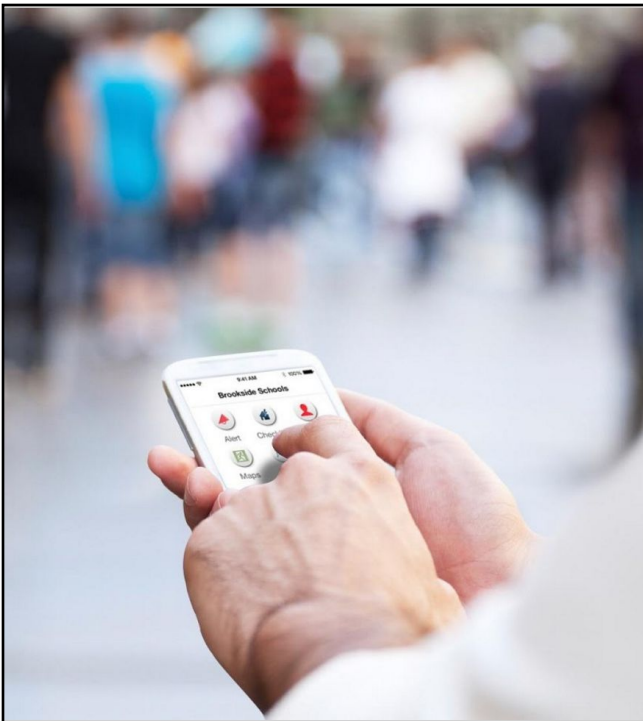
Safety Weeks in D64

Resources: **New!** Maps

- Updated maps developed through Health Life Safety Survey available in each room showing color-coded evacuation routes
- Installed in coming weeks by building custodial groups
- Future work with architect to establish
 - Primary and secondary routes of evacuation
 - Shelter-in-place locations

Resources: **New!** Crisis Go App

- Mobile Crisis Management Tool
- Improves Communication and Emergency Response --
NO MORE BINDERS!
- Instant ACCESS to Emergency Checklists, Maps
Documents and Contacts



New!



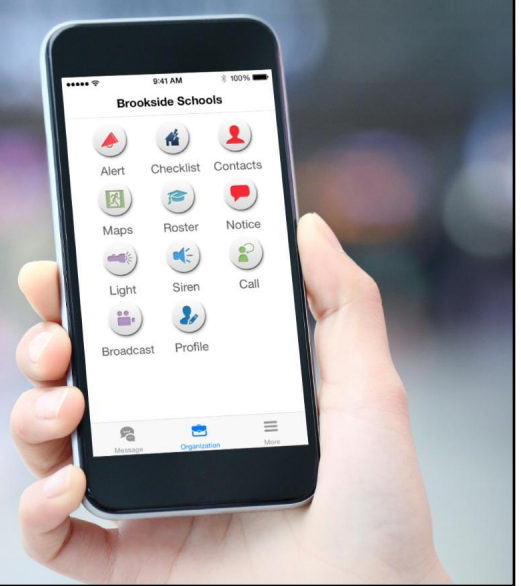
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YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN IN
THE PALM OF YOUR HAND

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WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR STUDENT SAFETY IN OUR DISTRICT?

A FEW PEOPLE?



EVERYONE?



**Administrators
Communications Coordinator
Nurses & Health Assistants
Office Secretaries
Custodians
Student Services
Teachers
Fire & Police First Responders**





CRISISGO WILL HELP KEEP US SAFE

AT SCHOOL, AT WORK, AT HOME, AND AT PLAY

EMERGENCY PLANS ON MOBILE DEVICES
CONTINUOUS TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION
REUNIFICATION AFTER AN EMERGENCY
MASS ALERTS TO PARENTS
ALERTS FOR GROUPS, CLUBS, AND BUS ROUTES
PANIC BUTTONS FOR TEACHERS
TIPS FOR BULLYING REPORTING, GUNS, AND OTHER THREATS
TWO-WAY PARENT AND STUDENT MESSAGING



Resources: **New!** Security Website

- A comprehensive overview of our safety and security for the public [District 64 website](#)
 - Core pages launched; more coming
- Response plans and procedures on the password-protected Staff Portal



Existing Resource: Yellow “Crisis Go” Guide

- Still our “go-to classroom reference”
- Important for all staff to review content *annually*
 - **Know what is expected when.....**
- Standard location (by the door)
 - Include in Substitute Plans



2016-17 Expectations

Through our research and collaborative work, we have identified two areas that need attention and support from all staff to make a reality.



Active Supervision While Students are Outside

- Report to Office Before Students Taken Outside
- Office Tracks Who is Outside
- Radio *Must* Be Taken When Outside
- Staff Monitoring Students in Quadrants



Field Trips & Off-Campus Events

- Safety procedures to be developed and followed on Field Trips or other Off-Campus School Events
- We will be seeking input from staff
- More to come.....



Staying Safe

- Be Observant
- Be Prepared to Act
- Know Your Emergency Off-Site Locations
- Practice Active Supervision
- Stay Informed of Changes In Emergency Procedures
- Review and Know Your Crisis Go Guide (Yellow Spirals)
- Remember: YOU are a First Responder until the community First Responders arrive.



Safety First!

What Questions Do You Have?

