School Safety in Frederick County
Objectives

2. Examine the shared responsibilities in Frederick County for School Security.
4. Explain the response to school-based threats.
Goals and Priorities

FCPS will promote a culture of fostering wellness and civility for students and staff.

Promote and maintain safe and respectful environments, where the students receive a quality education and can reach their potential.

Foster personal well-being and health among students and staff through increased awareness and engagement on these topics.
Frederick County Public Schools

• @44,000 Students - @6,000 Employees

• 71 School buildings
  • 40 Elementary Schools
  • 13 Middle Schools
  • 10 High Schools
  • 13 Other programs: Charter, Alternative, Special Education, Flexible High, Career & Technology
Frederick County Public Schools

Security and Emergency Management Department

- Supervisor, School Security Specialist, 2 Security Technicians, Administrative Support
- @1500 IP and Analog cameras
- Access control and Identification – Swipe cards and Proximity
- AI Phone - Buzzer entry system
- ALERTUS Mass notification system
- Emergency 800mhz radios
- Visitor Management System
Uniformed Law Enforcement in Frederick County

**Frederick County Sheriff’s Office**
Provides service to unincorporated areas of the County and those incorporated areas without municipal police departments. Resident Deputies in Towns of Middletown & Emmitsburg & Myersville (667 square miles).

**Frederick Police Department**
Provides service within the 23 square miles of the City of Frederick

**Maryland State Police**
Provides service to unincorporated areas of the County on state routes & interstates (some exceptions). Resident Troopers also patrol the town of Walkersville.

**Brunswick Police Department**
Provides service within City of Brunswick

**Thurmont Police Department**
Provides service within the Town of Thurmont
Partner Organizations

Frederick County Department of Social Services
(Child Protective Services)

Frederick County State’s Attorney’s Office
Juvenile Division – JEDI & Youthful Offender Programs

Maryland Department of Juvenile Services
ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS

Mental Health Association - 211
Alternative Programs

Shepard Pratt Outpatient Mental Health Center provides intensive intervention supports to Frederick County residents in crisis, for whom there are mental health concerns. Program personnel are available to conduct face-to-face assessments and interventions and to provide referrals with follow-up services to ensure that individuals are connected with appropriate service providers and community resources.
FCSO SRO Program Mission

The School Resource Program is a service of the Frederick County Sheriff’s Office (FCSO) that places a Deputy Sheriff in each Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) high school feeder pattern to aid in creating and maintaining safe, secure, and orderly school environments for students, teachers and staff. The School Resource Officer (SRO) will serve as a law enforcement officer, instructor, counselor, mentor and role model.

This program supports the Sheriff’s Office commitment to service as it works to improve the quality of life in Frederick County, and specifically, the safety and security of the school system.
SRO Program Goals

1. Maintain a highly visible uniformed presence at assigned schools.

2. To increase crime prevention efforts targeted at students, staff and teachers.

3. To assist in identification of physical changes in the school environment that may reduce crime in and around the school.

4. To foster a working relationship between the Law Enforcement providers and the school community through positive interaction and alternative youth activities that seek to reduce crime.

5. To address crime and disorder problems, gangs, drug activity affecting the schools and the community at large.

6. To strengthen the larger crime reduction mission through gathering information in support of patrol operations, and criminal and narcotics investigations.

7. To promote school safety through enforcement of criminal and vehicle and traffic laws of the State of Maryland in and around Frederick County Public Schools.
FCSO, FPD and BPD School Resource Officers attend the MCSS, Maryland Model School Resource Officer Training. All SROs are trained to the MCSS standard curriculum guidelines. [https://schoolsafty.maryland.gov/Pages/RES-Training.aspx](https://schoolsafty.maryland.gov/Pages/RES-Training.aspx)

Most FCSO SROs have also attended the National Association of School Resource Officer’s (NASRO) Advanced SRO Training Course. [https://nasro.org/training/nasro-training-courses/](https://nasro.org/training/nasro-training-courses/)
Frederick County Sheriff’s Office SRO Program: Supervisors

Lieutenant Jason Deater
Commander
FCSO Patrol Operations

Sergeant Kevin Britt
Supervisor
FCSO School Resource Program
FCSO School Resource Officers

Corporal Chris Hadeed
SRO Supervisor

DFC Andy Sidow
Urbana HS Feeder

DFC Allen Herrman
Urbana HS Feeder

DFC Randy Barrera
Tuscarora HS Feeder

DFC Andy Smothers
Middletown HS Feeder

DFC Ted Mostoller
Linganore HS Feeder
FCSO School Resource Officers

DFC David Sowers
Tuscarora High School

DFC Harold Jones
SRO Investigator
Frederick Police SRO Program Supervisor

Sergeant Rebecca Carrado
Frederick Police Department
Outreach Program
Frederick Police
School Resource Officers

OFF Tyler Branche
West Frederick MS, Parkway ES, Waverly ES

OFF Robert Quintin
GTJMS, GTJHS (Liaison) North Frederick ES, Frederick Classical Charter

OFC James Clark
Monocacy ES, Career & Tech Center, Monocacy Valley Montessori, Whittier ES

OFC Amy Brum
Hillcrest ES, Monocacy MS, Butterfly Ridge ES
Brunswick Police Department SRO

- Officer First Class Darrick Scott
- Brunswick Elementary, Middle, and High School
Community Partnerships for Hometown Security

Maryland Center for School Safety

A Safer School Begins with You.

Prevention
Mental Health education and awareness

Mental Health and School Security Coordinators

Maryland’s Model Policy for Behavior Threat Assessment:

Communications for School Security

ONE CALL NOW: sends messages in multiple formats according to the urgency of the situation. Parents / guardians / emergency contacts are automatically opted in.

Connect with Us:

• FCPS Find Out First
• ALERT Frederick County
• Social Media Apps;
  • @FCPSMaryland,
  • @FredCoSheriff,
  • @Fred_MD_Police,
  • @FCDFRS,
  • School Twitter accounts
Avoid, Deny, Defend

• Avoid: Where is the danger?
  • Outside? Get in.
  • Inside? Get out.

• Deny: Locks, Lights, Out of sight. (Consider Avoid)
  • Silence phones.
  • Barricade doors.
  • Know safe areas of the room.

• Defend: If no way to Avoid or Deny. (Consider Avoid)

Always consider Avoid
Students should **REPORT IT; DON’T REPOST IT** information to school staff, parents, trusted adults.

Parents should report to school staff and/or law enforcement. Report by phone or in person contact, NOT email or social media.

**Reporting Suspicious Activity**

To report suspicious activity, contact your local law enforcement agency. Describe specifically what you observed, including:

- Who or what you saw;
- When you saw it;
- Where it occurred; and
- Why it's suspicious.

If there is an emergency, call 9-1-1.
Responding to School Based Threats
School Threat Investigations

Threat Information Received During School Hours

- Share Information (Including other law enforcement agencies)
  - Generally FCPS Lead with Law Enforcement Support*
    - Search of Student by FCPS and/or SRO*
      - Parent Contact
      - Determine access to weapons*
      - Emergency Evaluation
      - School Discipline
      - Arrest
Students investigated after hours need to be escorted to school by parents/guardians the following school day in most circumstances.*
A SAFER SCHOOL BEGINS WITH YOU.

833-MD-B-SAFE
(833-632-7233)

SAY SOMETHING. IT COULD SAVE A LIFE.

CALL 833-MD-B-SAFE
(833-632-7233) safeschoolsmd.org
IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

If you see something on social media:
• Take a screen-shot and show it to an adult.
• Tell a teacher; tell an administrator; tell a school resource officer.
• Report it to police.
• Do not like, share, or re-post.

Don’t contribute to the rumors.

KEEP OUR SCHOOLS SAFE!

DON’T REPEAT IT • REPORT IT