

Providence Public School District  
***Security Overview***  
for the  
Providence City Council's  
***Special Committee on Education***



5PM, 16 January 2013

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# Purpose

- To give the Providence City Council's *Special Committee on Education* an update on security programs, posture, measures and initiatives for the Providence Public School District.

# Background

- State Requirements & Law (Drills)
- District Requirements
  - Reporting
  - Fire Inspections
- Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP)
- FEMA IS-100 & IS-200 (Training)

# Emergency Preparedness Plan

- In Place Since: **August 2004**
- Updated: **November 2010**
- Topics Include:
  - Emergency Actions
  - Emergency Procedures
  - Emergency Teams
  - Forms
  - Miscellaneous
  - Resources
  - Floor Plan (Be Safe)
  - Death or Major Crisis Response

## New Items & Updates

- Enhanced Lockdowns Procedures
  - Disabled Person Evacuation Plan
    - Bullying
- Sexual Harassment
- Individual Student Crisis

# Drills

- State Requirements
  - Fire Drills
    - 15 Fire Drills per school year with 4 Obstructed
    - 8 FIRE DRILLS during Sep, Oct & Nov
      - 2 of the 8 must be OBSTRUCTED
    - 7 FIRE DRILLS during Dec to Jun
      - 2 of the 7 must be OBSTRUCTED

***Note:*** Neglect by any principal or any person in charge of any public or private school or educational institution to comply with the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500).

# Drills (cont)

- State Requirements
  - New Legislation
  - RIGL, TITLE 16, Education
  - Chapter 16-21, Health and Safety of Pupils
  - 16-21-4, 16-21-5, Uniform fire code or drill tactics
  - Fire Drills
    - 15 Fire Drills per school year
    - 2 of the 15 must be LOCKDOWNS
    - 2 of the 15 must be BOMB THREAT
      - Evacuate 2000 feet from Building

# Sample Annual Schedule

Drill Type	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N
FIRE	X	X	X	X				X		X
FIRE - OB	X	X			X				X	
BOMB			X				X			
LOCKDOWN	X		X			X				
Total Month	8			7						
Total Year	15									



# District Requirements

- Drill Reporting
  - By Law
  - To RIDE
  - To Director, Operations
- Building Safety - Fire Marshall
  - Inspections
  - Re-starting January 2013
- FEMA Incident Command System (ICS)
  - National Standard
  - Free Training for Responders and Leaders

# Be Safe



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Local Hospital: Rhode Island Hospital  
Phone: (401) 444-4000

### Building Information

Year Built:  
Number of Students: 713  
Other Info:

Floor Area:  
Number of Staff: 90

### Utility Information

	Provider	Phone	Alternate Phone
Electric	National Grid	(800) 465-1212	
Gas	Santa Oil	(401) 331-7730	
Telephone	Sal Palumbo	(401) 456-9410	(401) 413-9561
Water	Providence Water	(401) 521-5070	
Sewer	Narragansett Bay Commission	(401) 461-8848	

Last Updated: December 21, 2011

Contact Information, Building Information, Utility Information

### Building Features

#### Alarm and Monitoring Systems

Closed Circuit Cameras	No	
Security Alarm System	Yes	
Fire Alarm System	Yes	
Knox Box	Yes	
Motion Detection Devices	No	

#### Communication Systems

Cable TV Access	Yes	
Intercom System	No	
Portable Radios	Yes	
Phones in Rooms	Yes	

#### Hazards

Hazardous Materials	No	
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#### Building Systems

Electrical Shutoff	Yes	
Oil Shutoff	Yes	Gas
Water Shutoff	Yes	

#### Other

Roof Access	Yes	
Roof Type		
Wall Construction		

# Be Safe (cont)



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Aerial Photography



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Interior Photographs



Boiler Room (View 1)



Boiler Room (View 2)



Electrical Main



Generator

# Transportation Safety

- First Student
  - GPS on every bus
  - Two-way radio on every bus
  - Field Trip Incident Procedure
  - School Bus Accident Procedure
  
- Uncontrolled Behavior
  - Pull-over
  - Try to control situation
  - Return to School or Call Police

# Posture prior to Sandy Hook: *EPP*

- *Emergency Preparedness Plan* in place
  - Reviewed and trained to each year at “Nuts & Bolts”
  - School Crisis / Safety Team
    - 14 Key School Leaders
    - Multi-Discipline
    - Incident Command System (ICS) Trained

# Posture prior to Sandy Hook: *SROs*

- School Resource Officers (SROs)
  - In 11 Schools (3 - MS & 8 - HS)

<b>SRO Name</b>	<b>School</b>
<b>Jeremy Doucette</b>	<b>Mt Pleasant HS</b>
<b>Derek Shields</b>	<b>Mt Pleasant HS</b>
<b>Jim Washburn</b>	<b>Hope HS</b>
<b>Tim Rudd</b>	<b>Hops HS</b>
<b>Cyndi Rodriguez</b>	<b>Central HS</b>
<b>Rosemarie Chin</b>	<b>Alvarez HS</b>
<b>Wayne Marshall</b>	<b>Sanchez Complex HS</b>
<b>George Pereira</b>	<b>PCTA HS</b>
<b>Jeff Richards</b>	<b>E3 HS</b>
<b>Sean Brown</b>	<b>DelSesto MS</b>
<b>George Duarte</b>	<b>Roger Williams MS</b>

# Critical Incident Reporting

- Daily Reports to *Director, School Operations*
- Critical Incidents Reported
  - 2009-10: 1266
  - 2010-11: 1181
  - 2011-12: 1249
  - 2012-13: 692

Average / Day

**5**

Top Five  
2011-12

- **Student Safety**
  - **Assaults**
- **Transportation**
  - **Weapons**
- **Neighborhood Issues**

Top Five  
2012-13

- **Transportation**
  - **Medical**
- **Student Safety**
  - **Assaults**
  - **Weapons**

# Posture prior to Sandy Hook: *Drills*

- Intruder Drills
  - Notice, started in Sep 2006
  - No-notice, started in May 2012
  - 3 Schools/Day, 2 Days/Week

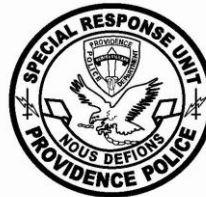
Drill Type	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
Intruder Drills	3	9	12	18	0 *	10
Total	52 (Average 9 / School Year)					

\* **Note:** No-notice drills started this year; approval came too late in year to conduct meaningful training.



# Active Shooter Training by PPD

- Classroom training with school staff & principals
  - *“How to respond to an active shooter”, 7 March 2012*
- Operational training conducted by PPD *Special Response Unit (SRU)* since Feb 2006.
- PPD conducting 1-2 drills per year without students (during February vacation).
- Various Schools throughout District.
- This years drill scheduled for 21 February 2013 at Central HS (**Not for Public Release**).



# Current Posture

- A Solid Program; No Major Changes
- *Restate our Common Goal:*
  - Our goal is simple; *to provide the safest and most secure school environment possible.*
  - To accomplish this goal it requires a total team effort; starting from the top down.
  - Whether you are a principal, teacher, police officer, maintenance worker, janitor, food service provider or school staff member we all have an important role ensuring the safety of our children.

# Current Posture (cont)

- Review
  - Emergency Preparedness Plan
  - Building Access Procedures
  - Lockdown Procedures
- Security Survey
  - By School
    - Cameras / Monitors
    - Access Control (buzzers / intercoms)
    - Doors & Locks
    - Local PD visits
    - Drill Status
- Security Problem-Solving Meeting (physical security)
  - Met on 15 January 2013

# Future Initiatives

- Common Access Procedures at ALL schools
  - Access Signs Posted at all Schools
  - New Visitor Badges
  - Upgrade Equipment (Cameras/Monitors etc)
- Prioritize all Work Orders tied to security issues
- Pilot Construction Project to Improve Security
  - Fortes/Lima
- Tighter 797 Westminster Building Access
- Improved Radios/Upgrades at schools (UASI)
- Random Visits by PPD
- Allow IT access to PPD for remote school cameras

# Moving Forward: *Be proactive!!*

- Be familiar with the procedures in the Emergency Preparedness Plan.
- Don't walk by a potential problem like an unattended open exterior door.
- Don't let others, unknown to you, "tailgate" behind you when entering a school.
- If you are responsible for granting access to a building proper screen everyone desiring entrance.

# Final Thoughts

- We will continue to make improvements.
  - We want to avoid “tunnel-vision”; need to have a wider appreciation of our overall City-wide posture.
  - A clear, consistent and realistic security posture is our best defense.
  - It also about relationships between students and adults; we continue to improve our advisory role in schools to increase awareness.
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- Have a Plan; *we do*.
- Test the Plan; *we do*.
- Keep Doors Locked; *we do*.

# Questions

