School Safety and Security

Emergency Management Protocols
School Crisis Situations
Columbine changed law enforcement’s approach to active shootings.
School Shooting Facts
First recorded school shooting?

• July 26, 1764
• Greencastle, PA
• 9 killed
• 2 survived
# Top 5 worst school massacres (US)

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<th>School</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Causalities</th>
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<td>U of Texas</td>
<td>08-01-66</td>
<td>14 killed</td>
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<td>MSDHS, FL</td>
<td>02-14-18</td>
<td>17 killed</td>
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<td>Sandy Hook</td>
<td>12-14-12</td>
<td>26 killed</td>
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<td>Virginia Tech</td>
<td>04-16-07</td>
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<td>Bath School</td>
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MPS Lockdown Protocol

- This protocol has been endorsed by and made at the request of the Mesa PD, Chandler PD and MCSO.
- Any suggested changes will be considered.
- Any changes have to be approved by all agencies.
- We must follow the protocol until any changes are made.
Main Points in a Lockdown

- Seek shelter behind a locked door.
- Keep students/self out of view.
- Keep completely quiet.
- Lights off.
Secondary Points

- Sweep hall and nearby bathrooms for students/staff, if able
  - Do not include parents in this sweep.
- Place cellphones on silent.
- Don’t open the door for anyone, even the police.
Important Points

- Standardized terms: “full lockdown” or “modified lockdown.”
- In most cases, we will go into “full” and downgrade to “modified.”
Important Points

- If the fire alarm is activated, stay put.
- Bad guys will activate the fire alarm to draw you out (practice this).
- June 8, 2016, Jeremiah Burke HS, MA. Two suspects activated fire alarm and shot students as they were leaving. Two dead, three injured.
- February 14, 2018, Parkland, FL. Suspect set off alarm to draw kids out.
Important Points

- These situations are fluid. Think outside the box.
- If you’re on the playground and hear gunfire, run away.
- If you are locked down and hear gunfire in the hall, look for a back door. If none, consider barricading the door.
- Get ready to fight, if necessary.
Important Points

- If fire alarm goes off (and you are not already in a lockdown)
  - Check the hallways before evacuating.
  - You should take the lead, not your students.
  - Be alert for added instruction/texts/etc.
To conclude:

Sandy Hook tragedy
- They had an electronic locking system on front door.
- Suspect shot out the glass to gain entry.
  - Can we really defend?
- Suspect tried some doors and moved on because they appeared empty. (That’s our goal.)
- Their lockdown training probably saved lives.
- Unfortunately, after hearing noises, he entered a classroom.
Talking Points with Students (teachers)

• The term “lockdown” means we are securing our campus against a potential intruder.
• Lockdowns are initiated in most cases by law enforcement.
• Being in a lockdown does not mean we are in danger.
• The lockdown could be real or just a drill, but we respond the same regardless.
Talking Points with Students (teachers)

• Move out of sight.
• Keep completely quiet.
• Do not use cellphones during a lockdown.
• Follow instructions from staff.
• There may be a need to evacuate.
• As we learn new information, staff, students and parents will be updated.
Evacuations

- Each school conducts one off site evac per year.
- We may need to evacuate due to:
  - Gas leak
  - Flooding
  - Police situation
Bomb Threats

- Was it specific?
- Who was the target?
- Note phone number on caller ID
- Notify front off/police is applicable
Threats

- We take all threats seriously.
  - Was it an actual threat or just an off the wall comment?
  - Is there immediate danger to you or your students?
- Was it specific?
- Who was the target?
- Call front office/police if applicable.
Summary: How do we fare?

- MPS requires all classroom doors to be locked while classes are in session.
- MPS has perimeter fencing (one point of entry).
- MPS has cameras.
- MPS has SROs (at secondary schools).
- MPS has site-based security (at secondary).
- MPS has district security patrol officers.
- MPS has protocols (always under review).
Questions?