

Training Courses

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CREATING MULTI-HAZARD EMERGENCY PLANS

This workshop provides information about developing, implementing, and maintaining a school crisis plan. The topics covered include: forming the planning team; developing a school crisis plan; and partnering with public safety officials.

FACILITY SAFE SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

This course is designed to be delivered in either a presentation format or an on-site assessment of the school facility.

RESPONDING TO BOMB THREATS

This awareness level, course provides assistance and guidance to school staff who may be confronted with a bomb threat. This course provides information on evaluating and responding to the threat.

CRISIS PLAN REVIEWS

This workshop offers school officials the opportunity to review their response plans with the MnSSC Team. The existing plans are reviewed, emergency situations & hazards are identified, and best practices are discussed.

THREAT ASSESSMENT IN SCHOOLS

This course provides guidance to schools on how to develop a threat assessment program. This includes developing the school threat assessment team, tips for conducting a threat assessment, and appropriate responses to the threat.

VIOLENT INTRUDER

This training provides school staff with effective strategies when responding to an intruder situation. Strategies include universal emergency response procedures, lockdown options and current best practices.

THE ART OF DE-ESCALATION

This class is designed to assist participants in developing communication tools to use during difficult situations or crises. Attendees will learn effective ways to remain in control of a situation while maintaining a high level of professionalism.

20 MINUTE TABLE-TOP EXERCISES

This workshop provides guidance to facilitate table top training exercises (TTX) with school staff using a school's multi-hazard emergency plan. These exercises can help identify gaps in crisis plans, identify solutions and changes that may be made to the crisis plan.

CRISIS COMMUNICATION

This course provides school administrators with principles and procedures for communicating to community members, parents, staff, students and media outlets under crisis conditions.

REUNIFICATION

This course provides assistance in developing a reunification process to unite students with their families after a crisis situation or event occurs.

ACCESS AND VISITOR CONTROL PROCEDURES

This workshop provides a discussion of best practices to control visitor access in your school. Taking steps to reduce the risk of unauthorized access leads to increased building safety and security.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The SRO courses are offered in a Basic and Advanced format. The Basic Course is designed to assist SROs with maximizing their effectiveness in the delivery of law enforcement services in schools. The Advanced Course is focused on providing specific information to SROs regarding current situations effecting the school environment.

VISION

All Minnesota K-12 schools will have a safe school environment.

MISSION

The mission of the Minnesota School Safety Center (MnSSC) is to serve as a resource to public, private, charter and tribal K-12 schools, law enforcement, emergency responders and community partners by providing information, guidance, training and technical assistance for multi-hazard safety planning. The MnSSC coordinates its prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery activities with federal, state and local partners.

CORE PRINCIPLES

- Schools are not unsafe, but they can be made safer when schools, law enforcement and communities work together
- Being safe is a key element of learning
- The MnSSC is an essential resource for schools, law enforcement, emergency responders and other partners, offering training and technical assistance as communities prepare for emergencies
- The MnSSC enhances partnerships so schools, law enforcement agencies, emergency responders and communities can be part of a coordinated response during a crisis event

STAFF

The MnSSC School Safety Specialists initiate, develop, enhance, maintain and coordinate the School Safety Center Programs. They provide planning direction and interagency coordination through the creation of guidance materials, best practices research, data analysis, and training for school and emergency response partners. The MnSSC Team can facilitate the link between school officials and public safety partners.

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