

Chesterfield School Parent Meeting:

Emergency Planning & Procedures

January 14, 2013



Welcome and Introductions

Superintendent Ellen McHenry

Review of Security Guidelines, Procedures, Training, and Our Facility *Guidelines*

- State of NJ guidelines(as of Sept. 2011): two security drills per month:
 - > one fire drill per month
 - > one of the following drills;
 - * lockdown(intruder in or out of the building)
 - * school evacuation
 - * bomb threat evacuation
 - * bus evacuation
 - * table top exercise

Guidelines continued

Updates and literature from:

- NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness
- NJ Dept. of Education
- Burlington County Prosecutors Office
- Chesterfield Township Police Department

All of the above information is disseminated on a continual basis to the Chief School Administrator

Procedures

- Board of Education reviews/adopts the Emergency Management Plan which details our responses in the event of an emergency.
- Administration/classroom teachers review emergency drill procedures with as a team and with students.

Training: throughout the year

- ❑ Administrative members attend trainings held by professional organizations and NJ DOE.
- ❑ Administrative members meet annually with the Chesterfield Twp. Police to review/revise the school Emergency Management Plan.
- ❑ The Emergency Management Plan is distributed to all staff members and reviewed during in-service days.

Training continued

- October- ‘Violence Awareness Month’: faculty meeting to review/discuss concerns, which may include drills that have taken place in Sept. & Oct. and specific student lessons/activities.
- Throughout the school year there is in class instruction for students from both classroom teachers and administration.
- Special events: assemblies, emergency responder visits, etc.

Our Facility

- ❖ Total of 61 cameras in public areas, both inside and on the perimeter of the building.
- ❖ Alarms: 'exit the building' (contain voice, light, & signal).
- ❖ Main Entrance: not accessible by car/truck.
- ❖ Classrooms/office doors can be quickly secured.
- ❖ All phones have an intercom and 911 capabilities and a 911 alert signal to specific locations.
- ❖ Recent meeting: main entrance of the school.



Chesterfield Township Police Department

Chief Kyle Wilson

History regarding school shootings

- Between 1980 and 2000 there were approximately 49 school shootings within the United States
- Columbine School Shooting April 20, 1999
 - 12 fellow students killed
 - 1 teacher killed
 - 21 wounded
 - This was a pivotal incident in changing police response
 - Perimeter and wait for SWAT
 - Lessons Learned: first arriving officer cant wait, they must immediately move in and take out the threat.

History continued

- West Nickel Mines October 2, 2006
 - 32 year old milk truck driver entered an Amish School and took the lives of 5 Amish girls and injured 5 others before taking his own life.
 - Lessons Learned: it doesn't have to be someone with ties or involvement to the School

History continued

- Virginia Tech April 16, 2007
 - 23 year old male student took the lives of 32 students and faculty members and injured 17 others.
 - Lessons Learned: Effective communication, especially campuses involving multiple buildings.

History continued

- Newtown Connecticut December 14, 2012
 - Worst elementary school shooting ever in the United States.
 - 20 first grade students and 6 faculty killed
 - Lessons Learned thus far: There are no limits some people will go to cause mass tragedy.

What do we do from here?

- Drills /training
 - Security drills monthly
 - Fire drills monthly
 - Tabletop exercises annually

What do we do from here?

- Review of our School Emergency Management Plan
 - As we learn of new information regarding the Newtown incident, we are looking at our current plan to verify our Plan still is in the best interest of everyone.
- Assessment of the school and its potential vulnerabilities or areas to improve.
 - Drop off/ pick up procedures
 - Learning steps

What do we do from here?

- Camera placement/viewing access
 - Alarms
 - Doors/Locks
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- We need everyone to recognized that some changes that have taken place or will take place are being done for the safety of our children, and with that comes some inconveniences to us the parents.

What can you do from here?

- We as parents need to play an active role in our children's life.
 - Talk to your children about issues they are facing
 - Be mindful of changes in attitude/demeanor
 - Reporting any concerns you have (school and police)
 - Secure all weapons from access from children
 - Be mindful of your children's friends and changes you see in them
 - Have open lines of communication with you children so they can come to you about concerns they have with someone

Closing

- Chesterfield Township Police Department and the Chesterfield School is committed to providing the best safety we can for our children.
 - Our training
 - Within school utilizing simmuntions
 - At the range for live fire
 - In the classroom on best practices and current trends
 - With outside agencies (surrounding townships, NJSP, County Prosecutors Office)



Questions or Comments??

Thanks for caring and attending our meeting.