

Security Training in the School Setting

Situational awareness for all school personnel is critical, especially with the recent incidents of violence throughout elementary, secondary and higher education institutions. Whether dealing with a threat, violence, or a crisis situation at a school, every one involved must know how to report, respond, and recover from the incident. Any emergency requires critical planning and immediate actions that involve the entire school populace from students to administration. Proper planning, prevention, and emergency response training will prepare all school staff to handle a crisis situation before it becomes a tragedy.

The New Jersey Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness (OHSP) has developed three programs specific to school security and terrorism awareness. These programs were developed in coordination with several organizations, including the New Jersey Department of Education (NJ DOE) and the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA).



Report Suspicious Activity to the Terrorism Tips Hotline

1-866-4-SAFE-NJ
(1-866-472-3365)

In case of emergency

Call 9-1-1

For homeland security updates and information

Call 2-1-1

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SCHOOL SECURITY TRAINING PROGRAMS



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Situational Awareness for School Bus Drivers

Course Description - Two hour interactive program designed to introduce, refresh and enhance the knowledge of school bus drivers, transportation supervisors, and school administrators about recognized standards and guidelines to help deter, detect, report and respond to suspicious activity specific to the school mass transportation system.

The curriculum specifically outlines standard common sense preventive security measures focused on the school bus terminal/storage yard, school bus, and the school bus route to include all stops. The instructor will facilitate a review of recognized security checks to enhance the pre/post safety checks already conducted by school bus drivers in case of a heightened threat level that is specifically related to the school mass transportation system. Finally, the program will conclude by providing response and reporting guidelines specific to certain crisis situations relevant to the school mass transportation system.

Target Audience - NJ school bus drivers, transportation supervisors, and school administrators within the public and private education sector.

Class Size - Minimum of 100 persons to maximum of 500 school transportation personnel.

How to Schedule Delivery - E-mail request to: ohsptraining@ohsp.state.nj.us for further details and information on regional training in your area or on other school associations web sites (NJEA or NJ STS) that can deliver this program.

The Threat to Schools and Terrorist Trends and Tactics

Course Description - Two hour interactive program designed to raise the awareness of New Jersey's school populace (administrators, supervisors, teachers, staff and students) so they can assist law enforcement by being the "eyes, ears and voice" within the local community in detecting and preventing terrorism specific to the education sector. This will be accomplished by offering instruction that will enhance the participants' powers of observation, by giving them indicators of behavior and activities that could possibly be linked to terrorism and/or school violence, and by providing information on how and to whom they should report it too.

This program is a combination of OHSP's Terrorism Awareness program with the inclusion of the Ten Key Findings about school shootings derived from the 2002 "Final Report and Findings of the Safe School Initiative" by the U.S. Secret Service and the U.S. Department of Education. In addition, the program includes discussions on the lessons learned from the School Massacre in Beslan, Russia, in 2004 and a sample of several school security incidents that have occurred recently throughout the country.

Target Audience - Broad based school community including; school administrators, school staff, teachers, students and *parents*.

Class Size - Minimum of 100 persons to maximum of 500 school personnel.

How to Schedule Delivery - E-mail request to: ohsptraining@ohsp.state.nj.us for further details and information on regional training in your area.

Situational Awareness for School Security Guards

Course Description - Two hour interactive program designed to provide terrorism and school security situational awareness training for school security guards. The content was a combination of OHSP's existing *The Threat to Schools and Terrorist Trends and Tactics* with the inclusion of situational awareness specific to school security guards.

The program incorporates specific information on terrorist groups targeting schools following the lessons learned from the Beslan School Massacre in 2004. The School Security Guard piece identifies proven preventive security measures focusing on the school surroundings and environment. In addition, the program facilitates awareness about the importance of school emergency plans, and offers school security guards an overview of critical thinking and decision making in regards to potential suspicious activity related to terrorism.

Target Audience - School security guards and safety supervisors

Class Size - Minimum of 100 persons to maximum of 500 school security personnel.

How to Schedule Delivery - E-mail request to: ohsptraining@ohsp.state.nj.us for further details and information on regional training in your area.