

Monthly Key Focus Areas for School Crisis Planning Teams

Vermont Agency of Education and Department of Public Safety



2023-2024

AUGUST 2023

School In-Service Training

Review school's Emergency Operations Plan and Standard Response Protocol and collaborate with local fire, EMS and law enforcement.



SEPTEMBER 2023

National Preparedness Month

Fire Egress/Evacuation and Violent Intruder Drills (see Agency of Education/Fire Service Guidance).



OCTOBER 2023

Fire Prevention and School Bus Safety Awareness

Collaborate with local fire departments to conduct fire safety training.



NOVEMBER 2023

School Relocation Awareness

Review and revise school relocation plan. Consider conducting a relocation drill and review/revise relocation plans and policies.



DECEMBER 2023

Winter Weather Awareness

Test and evaluate the effectiveness of emergency communication systems and review/revise policies and practices.



JANUARY 2024

Threat Assessment Awareness

Review/revise school threat assessment policy. Consider conducting a Table Top Exercise to identify operational strengths and gaps.



FEBRUARY 2024

Family Reunification Awareness

Review/revise school reunification plan. Ensure faculty and staff are aware of their roles and responsibilities.



MARCH 2024

Intruder Awareness

Review/revise local plans. Consider conducting a Table Top Exercise with local first responders.



APRIL 2024

Missing Student Awareness

Review/revise missing student policy.



MAY 2024

Media Communications and Mass Notification Awareness

Review/revise emergency communication policies. Test and evaluate all crisis communication systems/technology.



JUNE 2024

Student and Staff Resiliency

Coordinate with local mental health professionals to ensure your school's social and emotional needs are being met.



JULY 2024

Local First Responder Coordination

Review and revise all school emergency operations plans and procedures with local first response organizations: **Fire, Police, EMS.**



For more information, please visit the Vermont School Safety Center's website at <https://schoolsafety.vermont.gov>.

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