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& DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

2019 Summary of School Safety Initiatives

In collaboration with Vermont's Department of Public Safety, the state was awarded two School Safety Grants:

- 1) Funding to develop local and regional school based behavioral threat assessment teams designed to identify concerning behaviors or actions that may have a negative impact on Vermont schools.
- 2) Funding to develop and implement a statewide school safety tip line



VT Community Violence Prevention Task Force Report

Key recommendations included:

- Increase funding for Mental Health First Aid and Zero Suicide
- Adopt the Department of Homeland Security's Run/Hide/Fight or other proactive options-based response models to an active shooter
- Develop a multi-disciplined behavioral threat assessment capacity at the Supervisory Union/District, state government, and community level to identify concerning behaviors or actions that may lead to a pathway towards violence
- Local law enforcement should have blueprints for all public buildings and schools in their jurisdictions and should practice responses for each building multiple times a year

For additional school emergency preparedness information, please visit the Vermont School Safety Center's website at:

<https://schoolsafety.vermont.gov/>



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Continued our success with the Vermont School Safety Center's monthly **"What if Wednesday"** school safety training tool. Key focus areas included:

- Behavioral threat assessment
- Custodial interference
- School evacuation
- Emergency planning
- Immediate action response
- Threats on social media

**In Collaboration with the
Vermont School Board's Insurance Trust,
developed model security camera, access control and
visitor management policies.**

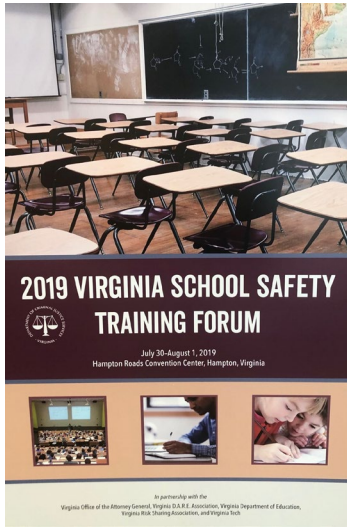


Delivered 7 regional School Crisis Planning, Training and Exercise Initiative workshops to 138 schools across Vermont. These workshops provided school leadership teams with the tools to develop a school Emergency Operations Plan and educated and informed participants on how to develop and deliver school safety drills and exercises.



Working in collaboration with the Vermont Superintendent's Association, conducted training for Superintendents in the areas of: crisis communication, emergency preparedness, options based responses to an active shooter, and critical incident decision making.





Superintendent Brooke Olsen-Farrell, Principal Jason Rasco, Detective Sergeant Henry Alberico (Vermont State Police), State's Attorney Rose Kennedy, Chief Humphries (Fair Haven Police Department) and VT School Safety Liaison Officer Rob Evans presented "An Averted Attack, Lessons from Fair Haven" to the Virginia School Safety Conference in July.

Refined school threat reporting process with Vermont Intelligence Center



Governor Scott, Vermont's National Education Association (NEA), Vermont's Agency of Education and the Vermont School Safety Center challenged Vermont's Middle/High Schools to create a Public Service Announcement promoting the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's "See Something, Say Something" campaign. Hazen Union High School wins first place: Tivy Parchment, a senior at Hazen Union High School, said her video was inspired by personal experience—from when she found a note at school with references to self-harm that she decided to turn in to a teacher.



Critical Incident Response assistance provided to:

- Randolph High School
- Hazen Union High School
- Georgia Elementary/Middle School
- North Country High School
- Addison County School District

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Provided school safety briefing to the Governors Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council, chaired by Lieutenant General Mike Dubie.



Keynote provided for Vermont School Facility Managers Conference, focusing on the all hazards approach to school emergency preparedness.

Keynote provided to Vermont School Administrative Assistants Conference highlighting the important role they play in keeping our schools safe.



Governor Scott, along with Secretary French (AOE) and Commissioner Anderson (DPS) host a school safety conversation in Grand Isle.



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