

Polk County School Safety Alliance Meeting Minutes

March 6th, 2014

Present:

Polk County Emergency Management

Ankeny Schools

West Des Moines Schools

Our Lady's Little Learners Preschool

Norwalk Schools

Des Moines Schools

EMC Insurance

Science Center of Iowa Preschool

Agenda Items	Summary
Purpose of the Alliance	An opportunity to form an alliance with all schools located in Polk County (not strictly K-12) to discuss matters of school safety & security and to share best practices. Other goals of the meeting were: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decide whether to meet on a regular basis• Provide networking opportunities• Have a platform to answer common questions
Summit	The main focus of conversation for this meeting was around a unified command and planning summit to be held this summer with decision makers, police, and fire departments. There was talk of trying to incorporate the Polk County Police Chief and Fire Chief Associations. The outcome objective for the Summit would be to focus on the needs of schools by developing a baseline standard of who is in charge, unified command, pre-planning, and post threat.
Roundtable Discussion Unified Command	Who is in charge when different agencies respond (i.e. sheriff, police, and fire)
Roundtable Discussion Door access	Door access is another area of concern. Much discussion centered on fire code compliance while securing doors. Fire code, ADA compliance, and a good security posture are often in conflict. The Iowa School Safety Coalition is one of the ways this issue is being addressed, and is something we as an alliance also wish to work on.
Roundtable Discussion Large Event Planning	Reunification plans were briefly discussed, but since time was running short, this topic was tabled for a future meeting
Next meeting:	May 1, 2014 at Des Moines Public Schools Operations Center 1917 Dean Ave Des Moines (515) 242-7621

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