

Polk County School Safety Alliance Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2014

Present:

Polk County Emergency Management; Jon Davis and Franny Medieros

EMC Insurance: Jerry Loghry

Des Moines Public Schools: Pam Rosa and Jeff Hummel

Agenda Items	Summary
Purpose of Meeting	To discuss matters of school safety and security and to share best practices
Mission and Vision	<p>To this point the Polk County School Safety Alliance had not developed a mission or vision statement. Mission and vision statements were developed during this meeting, along with goals and objectives. Feedback regarding the mission and vision is appreciated and the statements will be finalized at the next meeting.</p> <p>Vision: Safe and secure learning environments throughout Polk County</p> <p>Mission: Build partnerships that promote best practices for school based emergencies</p> <p>Goals & Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimize the impact of incidents on educational institutions and childcare centers throughout Polk County• Provide a network for members to communicate with each other as well as with local, regional, state, and federal emergency responders• Provide an environment for the coordination and collaboration among local educators and agencies in the development of mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery strategies• Develop a system of informing and/or providing the membership with professional development opportunities
Outreach and Participation	<p>In order for the alliance to be successful we must reach out to organizations within our communities and encourage participation. The group felt the mission and vision statement would help send the appropriate message.</p> <p>The fear within the group was that organizations which may benefit from the alliance may feel this is strictly a K-12 group. In fact, the group is open to preschools, colleges and universities, as well as any educational settings where children or young adults are in attendance (such as church or large daycare centers). This group is also open to educational facilities outside of Polk County which may be using Des Moines or Polk County resources. A couple of examples would be organizations in Waukee or Norwalk.</p> <p>Professional development will include opportunities to form relationships with police and fire, and possibly more large group</p>

planning sessions such as the safety summit held in June.

Getting the Word Out

Polk County Emergency Management will put information regarding the alliance on their website. Emergency Management will ask the Iowa School Safety Coalition if they will add a link on their website.

Strategies for marketing the alliance were discussed and suggestions on how to spread the word are appreciated.

Chairperson

Emergency Management suggested a member of the Alliance lead the group. Pam Rosa, with Des Moines Public Schools, agreed to take on the role of Chairperson. The group will decide on additional roles, such as co-chair for example, in future meetings.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is set for Thursday, September 18 at 2:00 pm. It will be held at the Polk County Emergency Management office. Permanent meeting times will be discussed at the next meeting. It was suggested we do it the 2nd or 3rd Thursday of every other month. That will be finalized at the next meeting.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Pamela Rosa, Des Moines Public Schools