

Polk County School Safety Alliance

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Present:

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Jon Davis-Polk County Emergency Management

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| Agenda Items                        | Summary   |
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| <b>Purpose of Meeting</b>           | To discuss matters of school safety and security and to share best practices  |
| <b>Mission and Vision</b>           | <b>Vision:</b><br>To establish and maintain safe and secure learning environments throughout Polk County and Central Iowa.<br><br><b>Mission:</b><br>Build partnerships that promote best practices for school based emergencies<br><b>Goals &amp; Objectives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minimize the impact of incidents on educational institutions and childcare centers throughout Polk County</li><li>• Provide a network for members to communicate with each other as well as with local, regional, state, and federal emergency responders</li><li>• Provide an environment for the coordination and collaboration among local educators and agencies in the development of mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery strategies</li><li>• Develop a system of informing and/or providing membership with professional development opportunities</li><li>• Support development of multi-year training and exercise</li><li>• Reach out to other counties to mentor</li></ul> |
| <b>Best Practices Document</b>      | <p>The Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is developing a document for best practices in school based incidents, focusing on active shooter. The timeline for completion is summer. They are working on buy in from all stakeholders (i.e. schools, emergency responders). They are using after action reports, and lessons learned, from real events.</p> <p>This document was discussed in conjunction with a safety summit this summer. This document will be the central to the summit</p>   |
| <b>Iowa School Safety Coalition</b> | <p>The Iowa School Safety Coalition has had a lot of requests for additional help and information. Due to the format of the coalition, they are not able to provide services requested by schools. To address the needs they are in the process of changing the format of the coalition and are drafting a business plan. The idea is to have the Coalition be under the Iowa School Board Association and change the name to the Iowa School Safety Alliance using the format of the Polk County School Safety Alliance.</p> <p>There was discussion of having chapters follow the AEA regions, and the Alliance would have a full-time subject matter expert, and provide training opportunities. They would provide more services for safety plans and take a progressive approach. This would have</p>  |

an impact on future meeting for the Polk County School Safety Alliance and possibly the summit

**Safety Summit**

The group decided a summer safety summit would be a good idea. The goal would be to include the athletic directors and focus on large events.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm and will be held at Polk County Emergency Management

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