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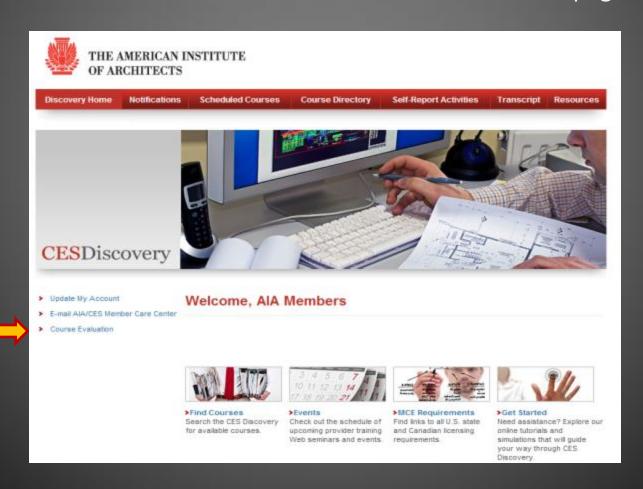
#### **Best Practices for Safer Schools**

At the end of this program, participants will be able to:

- 1. Be familiar with the principles of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design
- 2. Have practical solutions to the most common safety concerns and risk factors in public school campuses
- 3. Show knowledge of current trends and changing priorities in Risk Management as relates to campus facilities
- 4. Be aware of the most up to date practices relating to the use of electronic technology to enhance security and student safety.

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# QUESTIONS??

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#### **Best Practices for Safer School Facilities**

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#### Agenda:

In this presentation, we will:

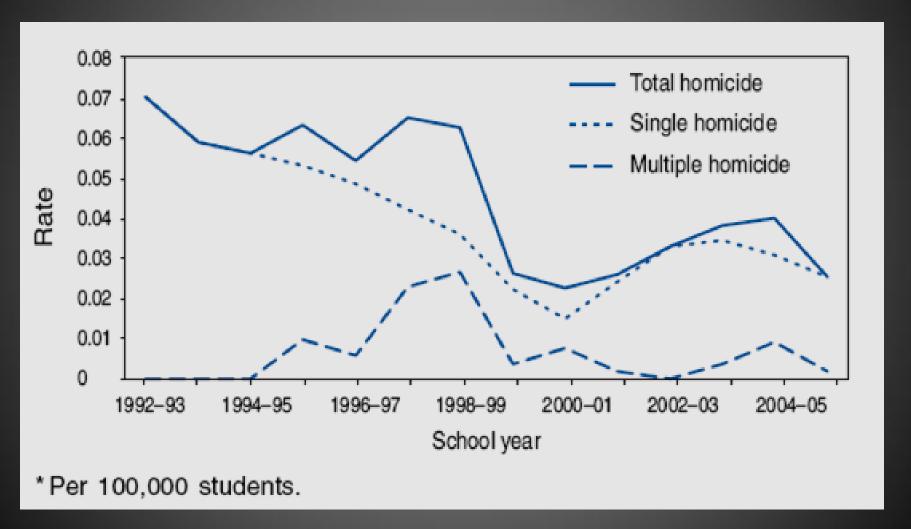
- Review the factual context relating to safety concerns on campus
- Describe the fundamental strategies of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design
- Show you some realistic steps you can take, particularly focusing on secure entries
- Equip you with additional suggestions and resources going forward.

#### **Context:** Violent Crime on Campus by Location:

| Parking lots and bus stops:      | 38% |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Stairs and Corridors:            | 30% |
| Grounds:                         | 23% |
| Classrooms:                      | 21% |
| Entries:                         | 11% |
| Courtyards or between buildings: | 9%  |
| Bathrooms:                       | 6%  |
| Cafeterias:                      | 5%  |

<sup>\*</sup>Per Kachur et al, 1996

#### Context: Trends in School-Associated Violence



# **Context:** From Columbine to Sandy Hook - School aged violent deaths from 1999 through 2012

| School Age Victims of Homicide:  | 23,936         |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| School Age Victims of Suicide:   | <u> 26,589</u> |
| Total School Age Violent deaths: | 50,525         |

Total "Mass" Homicides at K-12 schools: 44

Proportion of Mass Homicides as compared to total School Age violent deaths:

0.08%

\*"School Age" is here counted as being from 5 through 19 years of age

Per FBI, Dept. of Education, and Center for Disease Control (data for certain years is extrapolated)

**Context:** From Columbine to Sandy Hook - School aged violent deaths from 1999 through 2012

Total Violent Deaths on School \*Campuses: 328

Proportion of violent deaths on campus as compared to total School Age Violent Deaths:

0.64%

Proportion of Mass Homicides as compared to total violent deaths on Campus:

12.83%

\*"On Campus" means on school property (including buses) or while attending any school supervised activity

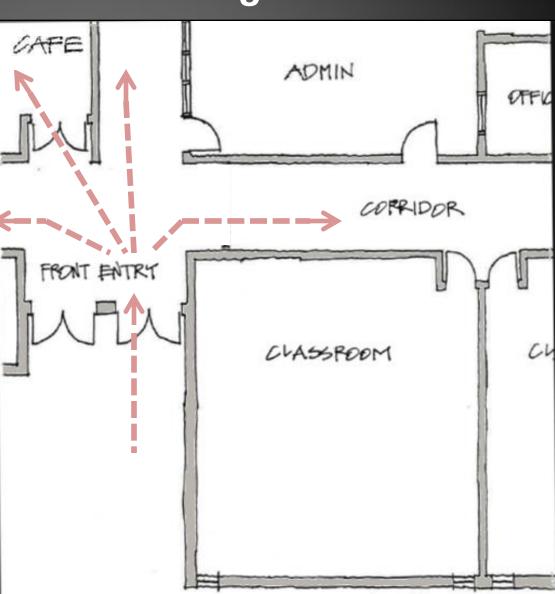
#### Secure Entries: The Basics

- Checkpoint Traffic Flow
- Visibility
- Emergency Communications

#### Checkpoint Traffic Flow: Existing Conditions

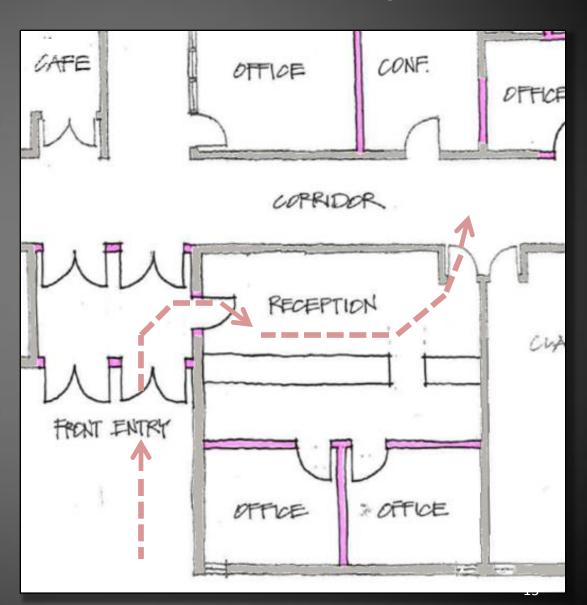
- No Visibility from Office to front entry
- Visitors can freely go in multiple directions



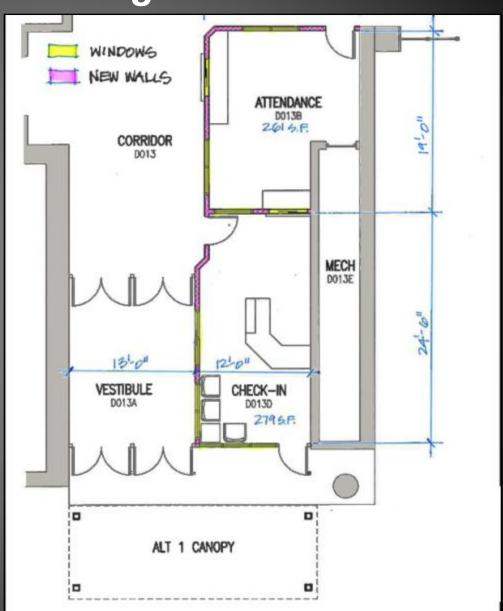


#### Checkpoint Traffic Flow: Proposed Upgrades

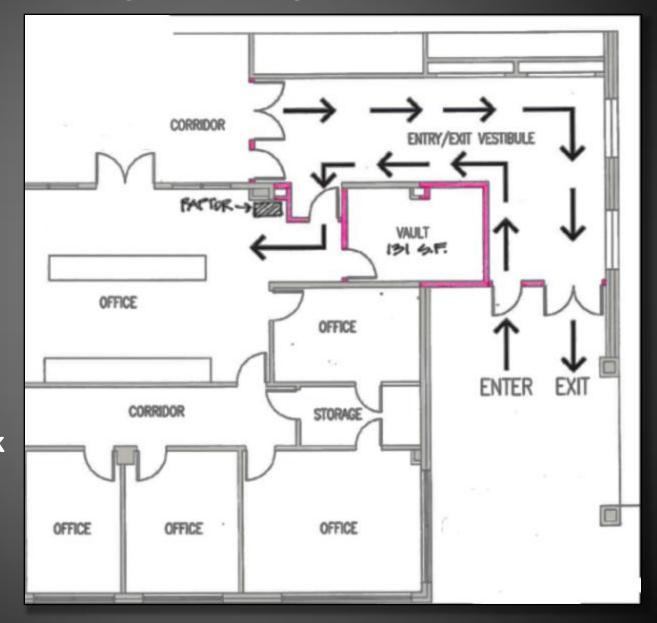
- Two sets of doors to create locking vestibule
- Re-arrange rooms to put reception up front
- Visitors are forced to go through checkpoint



 \$160,000 – included sidewalk, handicapped parking, canopy



- \$100,000
  - included new vestibule doors, moving a room, new door into office, repair/replace flooring in Office and Corridor, modify casework

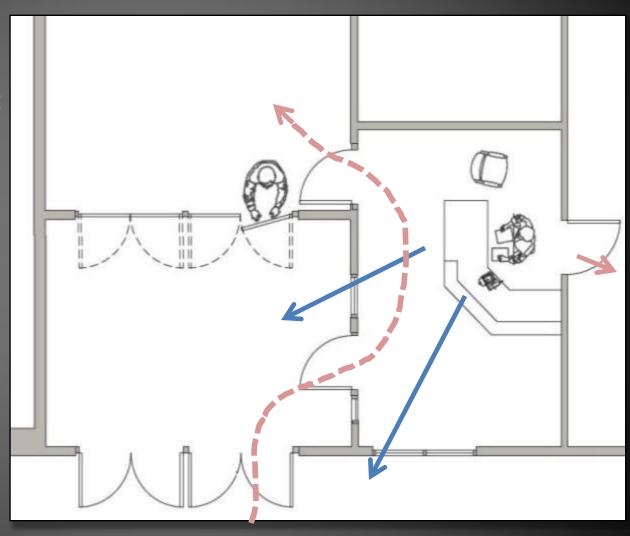


- \$40,000
- Included new doors, windows, adjacent finish patching and repair



#### Checkpoint Traffic Flow: Basic Diagram

- Inner doors locked, visitors forced to go through Checkpoint
- Visibility from Checkpoint
- EmergencyCommunicationactivated atCheckpoint
- Escape Route from Checkpoint



Exterior

## Principles of CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design)

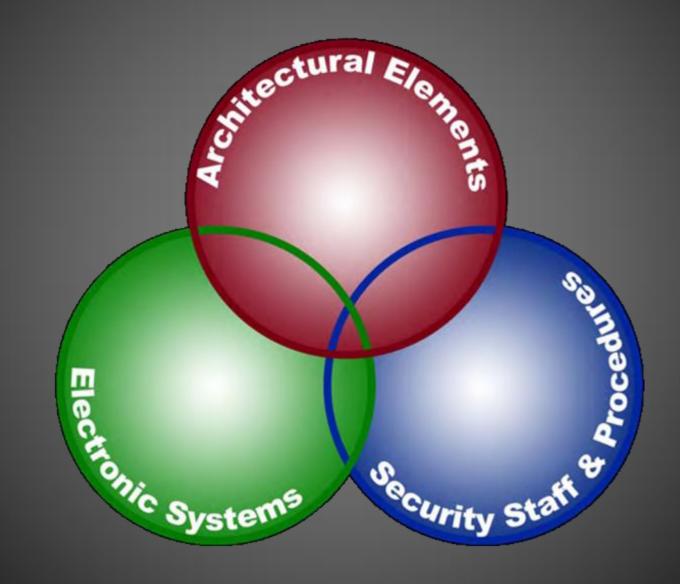
- Natural Surveillance
- Natural Access Control
- Natural Territorial Reinforcement

"CPTED is the proper design and effective use of the built environment that can lead to a reduction in the form and incidence of crime and improvement in the quality of life." - C. Ray Jeffrey, 1971

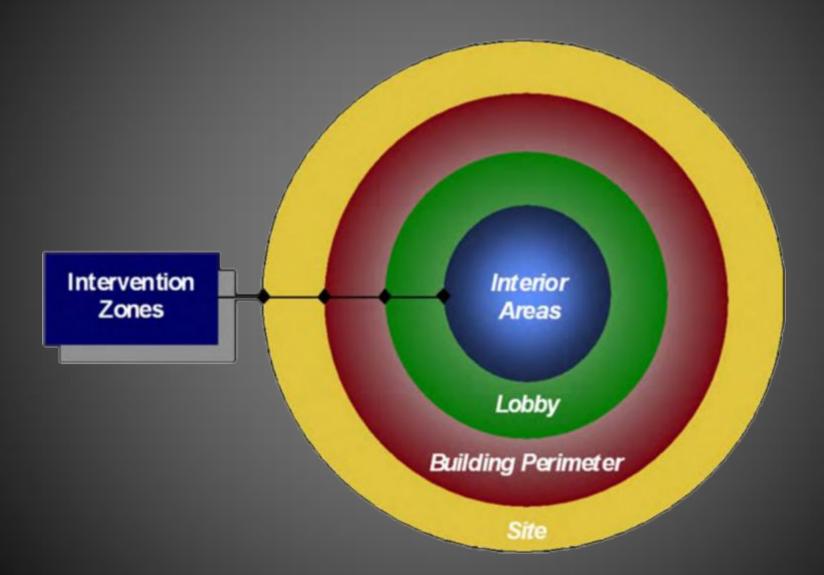
"CPTED is a tool for identifying, preventing and solving local crime problems. It is a process, a way of thinking about crime and not a "cookie cutter" program to replicate."

- National Crime Prevention Council

#### Integrated Security Program:



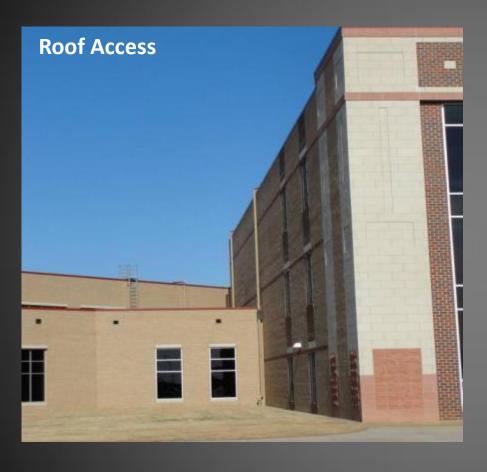
#### CPTED Strategies: Concentric Circles of Protection



#### CPTED Strategies: Natural Access Control

- Decreases crime opportunity by denying access to crime targets and creating a perception of risk to the offenders
- Differentiates between public and private space
- Occurs by designing entrances and exits, fencing, lighting and landscape to limit access or control flow
- Tips:
  - Limit number of entrances to your campus
  - Have one main entrance clearly marked that will lead visitors to the main office

#### CPTED Strategies: Natural Access Control





#### CPTED Strategies: Natural Surveillance

- Increases the threat of apprehension
- Potential offenders feel increased scrutiny and limitations
- Occurs by designing the placement of physical features, activities and people in such a way to maximize visibility
- Tips:
  - Keep bus drop-off areas, employee parking, and visitor parking separate from each other and away from busy streets
  - Avoid constructing large blank walls, which limit surveillance opportunities and serve as targets for graffiti
  - Use low shrubbery to allow visibility from the classrooms
  - Do not cover entrance windows with posters and announcements

#### CPTED Strategies: Natural Surveillance



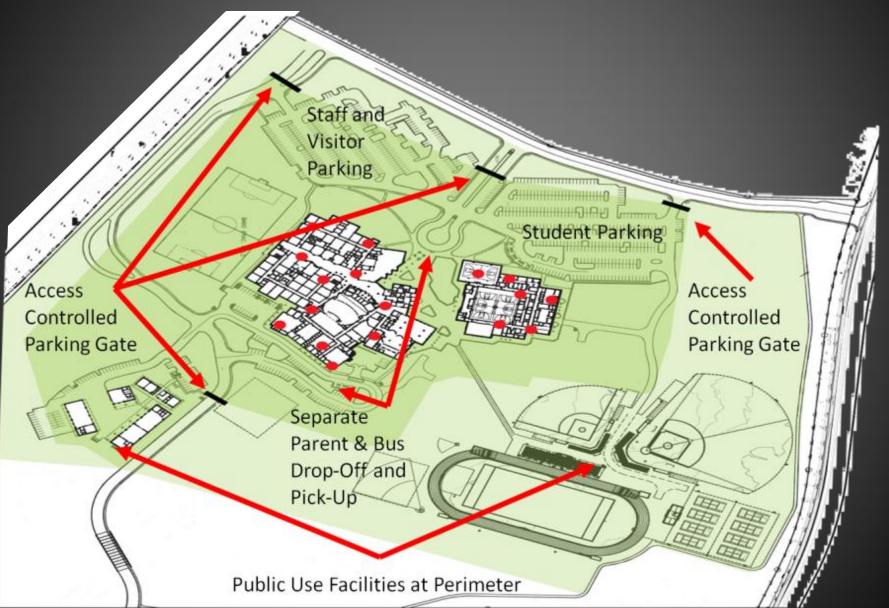




#### CPTED Strategies: Natural Territorial Reinforcement

- Promotes social control through increased definition of space
- An environment designed to delineate private space does two things:
  - Creates a sense of ownership
  - Sense of owned space creates an environment where "strangers" and "intruders" stand out
- Occurs by designing buildings, fences, pavement, lighting and landscape to express ownership and define public and private spaces

#### CPTED Strategies: Natural Territorial Reinforcement



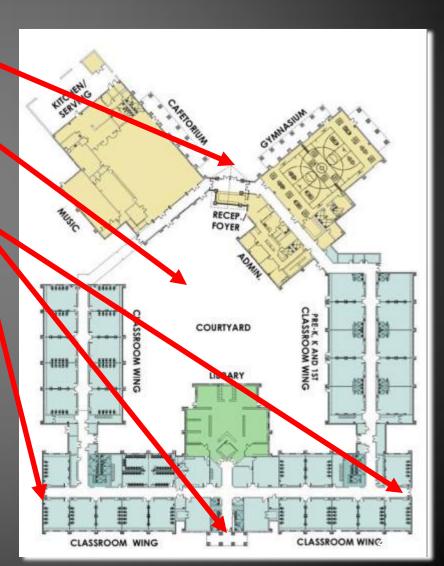
#### CPTED Strategies: Natural Territorial Reinforcement

**Main Public Entrance and Control Point** 

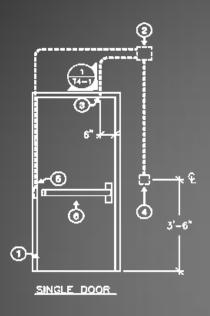
**Secure Courtyard** 

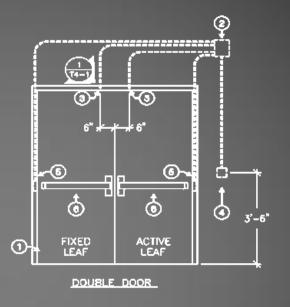
**Secondary Exists Limited Access** 





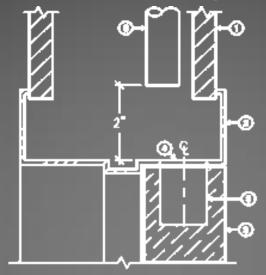
- Access Control Systems
  - Benefits:
    - Safer environment
    - Automatic lock-down
    - Automatically grant/deny access to individuals
    - Establish different access levels
    - Monitor real-time movements within the facility
    - Review history and past transactions
    - No need to replace locks in case of lost keys
    - Lost cards are disabled and news ones are issued
  - Trends:
    - IP based systems
    - Non-proprietary systems
    - IClass systems
    - Integration with video surveillance system
  - Minimum Recommendations
    - Prep doors for access control systems





#### KEYED NOTES:

- (1) SCHEDULED DOOR.
- S-IN X S-IN X 4-IN DEEP BACK BOX WITH (1) 1-IN CONDUIT WITH 200 LBS PULL STRING AND NYLON BUSHING BUSHING ON SECURE SIDE OF DOOR. (BY DIV. 26)
- 3 1/2-IN CONDUIT FROM 6-IN X 6-IN X 4-IN DEEP BACK BOX STUBBED INTO THE HEAD OF DOOR FRAME FOR CONCEALED DOOR POSITION SWITCH. (BY DIV. 26)
- 4 1/16-IN X 4 1/16-IN X 2 1/8-IN DEEP BACK BOX WITH SINGLE GANG REDUCTION PLATE FLUSH MOUNTED AND A (1) ½-IN CONDUIT TO 6-IN X 8-IN X 4-IN DEEP BACK BOX FOR CARD READER. (BY DIV 26)
- 5 %-IN CONDUIT FROM 6-IN- X 5-IN X 4-IN DEEP BACK 80X STUBBED DOWN DOOR FRAME FOR POWER TRANSFER HINGE. (BY DIV 26)
- ELECTRIFIED EXIT DEVICE WITH REQUEST-TO-EXIT DEVICE BUILT-IN.



#### KEYED NOTES:

- 1) SCHEDULED PARTITION
- 2 HEAD OF DOOR FRAME
- (3) SCHEDULED DOOR.
- 15/16-IN DIAMETER HOLE IN THE HEAD OF FRAME FOR CONCEALED. DOOR POSITION SWITCH.
- 5 TS/16-IN DIAMETER X 1 5/6-IN DEEP HOLE IN TOP OF DOOR FOR CONCEALED DOOR POSITION SWITCH MAGNET.
- 1/2-IN CONDUIT FROM 6-IN X 6-IN X 4-IN BACK BOX ABOVE DOOR (BY DAY 26).

#### Video Surveillance Systems

- Benefits:
  - Identify offenders
  - Crime deterrence
  - Asset protection
  - Real time monitoring
  - Monitor facility from any web enabled device
  - Verify intrusion alarms, minimize false dispatches
- Trends
  - IP based systems
  - Non-proprietary systems
  - Megapixel cameras
  - Built-in analytics
  - Integration with access control systems
- Minimum Recommendations
  - Rough-in and cable for camera locations

- Intrusion Detection Systems
  - Benefits:
    - Detection and response
    - Asset protection
  - Trends
    - Hold-Up and duress buttons
    - Door position monitoring
    - Monitoring other systems
      - » High and low temperatures
    - Integration with access control system
  - Minimum Recommendations
    - Key pads
    - Motion sensors
    - Glass break sensors
    - Door position switches

| <ul> <li>New</li> </ul> | Double doors |
|-------------------------|--------------|
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\$3,000 - \$5,000

Add card reader to door

\$500 - \$2,500

Add security camera

\$500 - \$2,000

New door in wall

\$2000

New vision window in wall

\$1000

Security Check-in window

\$2500

Intrusion detection sensor

\$200







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#### Mitigating School Safety through CPTED:

#### Starting at the Front

- Mitigating school safety should always be considered in the design of new schools and renovations.
- Require contracted architects to fully engage those end users such as principals, teachers and support staff.
- The first security priority for schools should always be student and staff safety, with entry control as the main focus.

#### Target Hardening

- Target hardening or mitigation is an approach to making your school a less attractive target for anyone with "bad intent."
- This can be directed at denying or limiting access to a crime target through the use of physical barriers such as fences, gates, locks, electronic alarms, and security patrol.

#### Operational Measures

- Policies and procedures
  - Security staffing
    - Actively monitored system
    - School Resource Officer
    - District Police Dept.
  - Visitor access management
  - Maintaining archived video
  - Issuing access cards and access levels
  - Lock down procedures

#### Culture:

- Proactively reach out to key stakeholders prior to an emergency
  - Parents
  - News media
  - First Responders
- Place more emphasis on prevention and mitigation
- Allow solutions/best practices to take on the flavor of your organization and community

#### Assessment: where can you go for help?

- Your Insurance Provider
- Independent Security Consultant
- Targeted Scope

# TOP TEN LIST: some answers to the question, "What are you doing to make your school safer?"

- 1. Policies and Priorities
- 2. Door position sensors at all exterior doors
- 3. Card Readers
- 4. Surveillance Cameras
- 5. Cameras Recording vs. Monitoring
- 6. Visitor Accountability System
- 7. Panic Button/Emergency Communication
- 8. Lockdown Button
- 9. Wayfinding
- 10. Coordination with Emergency Responders

#### Further Resources:

Texas State University, San Marcos – Texas School Safety Center

www.txssc.txstate.edu

Office of the Attorney General, State of Texas - School Safety Guide

www.oag.state.tx.us

US Department of Education, Office of Safe and Healthy Students, Emergency Planning <a href="https://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/emergencyplan">www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/emergencyplan</a>

FEMA, Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools

http://training.fema.gov/EMIWEB/IS/is362a.asp

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, School Safety

http://www.dhs.gov/school-safety

U.S. Secret Service and U.S. Department of Education, THREAT ASSESSMENT IN SCHOOLS

http://www.secretservice.gov/ntac/ssi guide.pdf

**Texas Education Agency** 

http://www.tea.state.tx.us/