COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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August 29, 2011

Dear School Superintendent:

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe, successful school year and again offer the no cost services of the Colorado School Safety Resource Center. We have also enclosed a letter and information from the Division of Fire Safety that highlights changes to the School Maintenance Inspection procedure related to SB 11-173 that now includes questions related to school safety plans, NIMS/ICS compliance, and communication equipment, including interoperable communications. You can find additional information on our website, or we are available for questions.

We are asking that you provide this year's current school safety contact designee as the administrator responsible for safety and security at your school district. From time to time, we may be providing specific information to that designee. Your district's information can be downloaded in a matter of minutes by answering five questions at the following link:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/safety_contact

October 16-22, 2011 has been designated Colorado Safe Schools Week by Govenor Hickenlooper. We encourage your district to use this opportunity to highlight some of your school safety to your community. More information can be found on our website <u>www.safeschools.state.co.us</u>.

We have several no-cost trainings in school safety issues for you and your staff this fall. 1. *Bullying/Harassment Prevention Institutes* in four separate locations around the state beginning on September 21, 2011 in Montrose. More information about these no-cost Institutes can be obtained on our website at <u>www.safeschools.state.co.us</u>.

2. We will co-host our sixth *Colorado Safe Schools Regional Training* in Ft. Collins on October 19th-20th in cooperation with the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence (CU-Boulder). Workshops are available on a variety of school safety topics. We encourage you to send a team to this no-cost training.

We invite you to visit our website which is a link to varied resources that can support your school safety efforts. We also encourage you to join/update our Listserv and receive monthly updates about various trainings and resources for your schools and staff. Our staff is also available to answer questions or customize training needed for your schools.

Thank you for your efforts to support safe, positive, and successful schools in Colorado. We look forward to collaborating with your staff.

Sincerely,

Linda M. Kanan, Ph.D. Director, Colorado School Safety Resource Center

John W. Hickenlooper GOVERNOR

James H. Davis EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

> Colorado State Patrol

Colorado Bureau of Investigation

Division of Criminal Justice

Office of Preparedness, Security, and Fire Safety

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August 25, 2011

Beginning on July 01, 2011 DFS (the Division of Fire Safety) will assist the Colorado School Safety Resource Center by insuring that inquiries are made to school personnel about Interoperable Communications and the associated requirements during yearly fire maintenance school inspections.

DFS will ensure that questions regarding Interoperable Communications are incorporated into the school maintenance inspection program by the following procedures:

- Concerning the schools in which DFS is the AHJ (Authority Having Jurisdiction), DFS shall add the questions in the Interoperable Communications Inspection Report to the school maintenance inspection procedure, the responses shall be recorded and included with the inspection reports, and this information shall be compiled and tracked by DFS.
- Concerning the schools in which the local fire department is the AHJ, DFS shall outreach to the schools and/or local fire department having jurisdiction and request for them to add the questions in the Interoperable Communications Inspection Report to their school maintenance inspections. DFS shall request for them to submit this information to DFS along with their school maintenance inspection reports, and the information that is received by DFS shall be compiled and tracked by DFS.

Additionally, as an administrative policy DFS will allow for the schools at their discretion to have the opportunity to substitute up to two all-hazards drills for up to two fire evacuation drills per school year.

Regards,

Steven Stokes Chief Building Official

John Hickenlooper GOVERNOR James Davis EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Colorado State Patrol Colorado Bureau of Investigation Division of Criminal Justice Office of Preparedness, Security, and Fire Safety





DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY- Division of Fire Safety

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INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS INSPECTION REPORT

Inspector's Name: Inspector's Phone Number:		
Inspector's Dept., District, or Division:		
School C.D.E. (Colorado Department of Education) Number:		
School Name:		
Address:		
Check the box next to each question to verify that the question was asked.		
1. How many and what type of all-hazard drills are conducted by the school that are in addition to the regular fire drills?		
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Quantity:	Type:	
 2. Has the school safety, readiness, and incident management plan been developed pursuant to Section 22-32-109.1(4)(d), C.R.S.? Yes No Comments: 		
3. ☐ Has the school progressed towards implementing NIMS and the Incident Command System pursuant to Section 22-32-109.1, C.R.S., and in achieving Communications Interoperability with state and local emergency personnel?		
Yes No Comments:		
4. □ Was the inspector shown the nature and location of the school's emergency equipment, including communications equipment (if any)?		
Yes No Comments:		
5. \square Has the communications equipment's interoperability with state and local emergency personnel has been tested separately or as part of an all-hazard drill?		
Separately Part of All-Hazard Drill Not Tested or No Equipment to Test Comments:		
LEAVE A COPY OF THIS REPORT WITH THE SCHOOL, SUBMIT ONE COPY TO DFS, AND RETAIN ONE COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS.		

Inspector's Signature

Date

School Representative (please print name and title)

School Representative (Initials)

E-mail a copy to DFS at: school.inspection@cdps.state.co.us Call 303-239-4600 if you have any questions.

Colorado Safe Schools Regional Training Creating a Climate for Safe & Positive Schools



 When: Wednesday, October 19, 2011, 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. (pre-conference) Thursday, October 20, 2011, 8:00 a.m.-3:45 p.m.
 Where: Ft. Collins Marriott, 350 E. Horsetooth Road, Ft. Collins, CO 80525

Hosted by: Colorado School Safety Resource Center **& Center for the Study and Prevention of** Violence

OCTOBER 19, 2011 PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS:

- 1. Emergency Management 101 for Schools offered by the U.S. Department of Education
- 2. Planning and Conducting Table Top Exercises
- Creating and Sustaining Positive School Climates - Bully Prevention Lessons from the Field
- 4. Substance Abuse Issues for Schools

* FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS SEE OUR WEBSITE: WWW.SAFESCHOOLS.STATE.CO.US

OCTOBER 20, 2010 SESSIONS:

- 1. Assessing School Climate and Culture
- 2. Bias Based School Bullying
- 3. Teen Dating Violence
- 4. Olweus Bully Prevention Guidance and New Research
- 5. Safe2Tell and Bullying Prevention
- 6. Substance Abuse Identification and Awareness
- 7. Understanding Information Sharing Laws
- 8. Safe Routes to School Grant Funds
- 9. New School Safety Legislation and Resources

AT A GLANCE:

- No charge to Colorado participants
- Lunch provided on Thursday, October 20, 2011
- A block of rooms for out of town attendees has been reserved at the Ft. Collins Marriott Hotel. Please contact the hotel at 1-970-226-5200 for the special "Safe Schools Training " rate.

SOME FEATURED CONFERENCE SPEAKERS:

Joseph Sakai, MD, Assistant Professor, Director of Adolescent Psychiatric Services - Substance Dependence Clinical Programs, University of Colorado

Marlene Snyder, Ph.D., Associate Professor at the Institute of Family and Neighborhood Life at Clemson University and Director of Development for the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program

Matt Taylor, Associate Director, Montana Safe Schools Center at The University of Montana (Missoula) and U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools trainer

Larry Borland, Chief of Security, Colorado School District 20 and U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools trainer

Special Evening Event - "Twelfth Night: Shakespeare & Anti-Bullying" Wednesday, October 19 at 7pm Marriott ballroom. No additional charge.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

School safety planning teams are encouraged to attend this training. It is considered best practice to create teams with differing school personnel and community agencies. Typical school safety planning teams can include:

- School administration, faculty and staff,
- School security personnel,
- SROs/law enforcement (working with schools),
- Emergency responders and managers,
- Mental health/counseling professionals ,
- Community agencies
- Parent representatives

Registration opens **August 15, 2011** for Teams; **September 7, 2011** for Individuals **Register online at www.co.train.org - Course Code: 1027937**



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Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence (CU-Boulder)



For more information please see

www.safeschools.state.co.us, call 303-239-4435 or email the CSSRC at schoolsafetycenter@cdps.state.co.us or Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at cspv@colorado.edu

How to Register for an Event on the CO Train System

There are 2 steps required in this registration process: #1) <u>creating</u> your learner's account and #2) <u>registering</u> for the conference, the whole process will take approximately 5-10 minutes.

1. Please go to **www.co.train.org***

2. Click "**Create account**" button (if you are a new user of CO-Train). If you are a returning user of a CO.TRAIN, please proceed to step #6.

3. On the following page, please read the TRAIN policies and agree to these policies before clicking the "Next" Button.

4. Fill out all the necessary information on each of the subsequent pages. Select "Next" Button to continue.

5. Once your Learner's account is set up please click **"Continue"** Button to register for the conference

6. Search for this Institute by Course ID: 1027937

7. Click on the title of the course "Safe School Regional Training – Ft. Collins, Oct. 19-20, 2011"

8. Click the "**Registration**" tab

9. Upon completion of your registration you will receive a confirmation email with details about the conference.



If you have difficulty with the COTRAIN system, please contact Greg Schlosser at 303.692.2683.

If you have questions about the training please contact The Colorado School Safety Resource Center at 303.239.4435.

*The Training Finder Real-time Affiliate Integrated Network, or TRAIN, is the nation's premier learning resource for professionals who protect the public's health. TRAIN is comprised of the national www.train.org site and participating TRAIN affiliate sites. The affiliate site in Colorado (www.co.train.org) is managed by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.