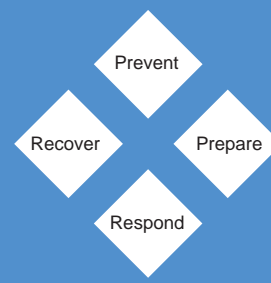


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NIMS Compliance?

The Colorado legislature passed SB 08-181 requiring schools to be in compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as outlined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). July 1 was the deadline for districts to provide their target date for compliance to the Colorado Department of Education as part of their Accreditation Report.

The position paper regarding SB 08-181 recommends a checklist that includes eight steps:

1. Establish a date for compliance by 07/01/09
2. Formally adopt (through orders or board resolution) the National Response Framework (NRF)
3. Institutionalize the Incident Command Structure (ICS) by making it a part of district/school emergency response plans
4. Work with key community partners to develop an emergency response plan for the district/schools
5. Enter into memoranda of understanding (MOU's) with community partners
6. Create an all-hazard exercise program based on NIMS including written post-exercise evaluations
7. Inventory school emergency equipment
8. Training requirements for safety team members and those developing the plans:
 - a. IS- 100.SCa for all school safety team members
 - b. IS- 362 for all those developing the district/school's emergency plans.

Colorado School Safety Resource Center Updates:

Colorado School Safety Resource Center (CSSRC) was established in the Department of Public Safety in 2008 to provide consultation, resources, training and technical assistance to all Pre-K-12 and higher education institutions. The Center has a staff of four. The Director, Dr. Linda Kanan is supported by Outreach Consultant, Chris Harms and Administrative Assistant, Anastasiya Schomaker. Mike Lythgoe has recently joined the staff as the School Safety Specialist. Mike's background includes three years as a substance abuse and crisis counselor in the Virginia Public Schools, as well as over nine years working as a volunteer disaster action team member, and an inter-agency liaison with the American Red Cross in Virginia and Colorado. He was a support responder during the Columbine High School shootings in 1999 and the shootings at Virginia Tech in April of 2007. Mike has a variety of training, a master's degree in psychology and is a doctoral candidate in counselor education at Virginia Tech. Mike's main responsibilities will be as the resource expert for the CSSRC and acting as the main liaison with our community organizations and agencies across the state.

Website: www.safeschools.state.co.us

We invite you to visit our new, expanded website with resources for school staff, emergency responders, community partners and parents. On the front page you will find a link to our SCHOOL NEEDS SURVEY. Please help us know better how to serve you and the schools in Colorado by completing the short anonymous survey on the home page.

You will also find links to help your school be NIMS compliant; see evidence-based prevention programs and current grant opportunities. Let us know if there is something else that you would like to find on our website or call us at 303-239-4435.

JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST for electronic updates from the center by going to the contact tab on our web page.

CSSRC Pilot Sites

In an effort to refine our ability to provide resources to all types of school needs, the CSSRC is working with five pilot sites across the state. All five sites: Adams City High School; Durango High School; Hayden School District; Lewis Palmer School District; and Montezuma Cortez School District have begun a three-year school mapping project. This spring, using the services of Prepared Response, Inc. and their Rapid Responder System, the schools and their community partners have met for pre-tactical planning, the buildings and grounds of the schools have been photographed and the data will be up-loaded into the Colorado State Patrol's ACAMS - Automated Critical Assessment Management System. This will make the information readily available to the school district and emergency responders if needed. The Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence is collaborating for the assessment and planning phases of these pilot projects.

Three of the pilot sites will work extensively with the Colorado School Safety Resource Center to assess their school climate, identify the strengths and challenges to school safety in their buildings, and refine their training and resources to enhance their ability to provide early intervention to prevent crisis situations and safe and secure learning environments for all. Resources developed within the pilot sites will then be made available to all schools across the state.

For the full position paper regarding NIMS compliance see www.safeschools.state.co.us

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Safe Schools Regional Training Opportunity - Grand Junction

The Colorado School Safety Resource Center and the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at the University of Colorado will offer a Safe Schools Regional Training in Grand Junction **September 29-30, 2009**.

The training will be held at the Doubletree Hotel located at 743 Horizon Dr. in Grand Junction.

The training is FREE for Colorado participants.

Day one will feature plenary and breakout sessions, including speakers on cyber bullying, suicide prevention, interagency information sharing, Safe2Tell, gang intervention, legal issues with technology in schools, and others.

Day two will feature four in-depth workshops: including morning NIMS IS-100.SCa training: Intro to ICS for Schools; and an afternoon of guided NIMS implementation for schools.

Also a morning workshop covering the US Secret Service/US Department of Education Safe School Initiative, Bystander Studies & Threat Assessment and an afternoon of Best Practice Implementation of the Threat Assessment Process.

This training is provided with support from the Colorado Office of the Attorney General and the Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool.

Registration opens August 1 for teams and September 1 for individuals. Register online at

www.colorado.edu/cspv/safeschools

For more information about the training, please visit either of our websites at:
www.safeschools.state.co.us or www.colorado.edu/cspv/safeschools.

Colorado Safe Schools Regional Training - Denver Coming in late February 2010

CSSRC and CSPV will host their next prevention and school safety training in the Denver metro area.

Registration Details Coming Soon!

Colorado Safe Schools Newsletter is Going Green!

Please sign up to receive this newsletter by email to help us conserve paper and continue to keep you updated on school safety issues in Colorado.

To register your email address, visit
www.safeschools.state.co.us