Introduction

Damien Kelly,
Executive Director
FDOE Office of Safe Schools
Background

• 25 years experience as law enforcement officer

• 12 years with City of Memphis Police Department with assignments in:
  • Uniform Patrol
  • Robbery
  • Homicide
  • Safe Streets Task Force
  • Project Safe Neighborhood
  • US Marshals Fugitive Task Force
  • Metro Gang Unit
Background

• Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) since 2005 with assignments in:
  • Organized crime
  • Protective Operations
  • Executive Investigations
  • Special Operations Team
Office of Safe Schools (OSS) Team

Our mission:
To provide a safe learning environment for our students and educators

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Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act
Overview of SB 7026

• Signed into law March 8, 2018
• Promotes school safety and enhanced coordination between education and law enforcement entities at the state and local level
• Creates the new Office of Safe Schools to oversee all efforts for school safety
• Provides for $400 million for school safety and mental health related activities
Florida Schools by the Numbers

• Number of students (K-12) = 2,833,115 \( (2,720,201.51) \)

• Number of schools/campuses = approx. 3,641 public schools (3,603)
Office of Safe Schools (OSS) – S. 1001.212, F.S.

OSS serves as a central repository for best practices, training standards and compliance oversight in all matters regarding school safety and security.

Primary goals of the office:

- Prevention
- Intervention
- Emergency Preparedness Planning
Safe-School Officers – S. 1006.12, F.S.

• Requires one or more officers assigned to each school facility in any combination of the following:
  • School Resource Officer or Deputy (SRO/SRD)*
  • School Safety Officer*
  • Coach Aaron Feis Guardians Program (must be a school district employee)

*Law enforcement officers employed by either a law enforcement agency or by the district school board
Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program –
Ss. 30.15 & F.S. 1006.12, F.S.

• School employees who volunteer and are appointed by the sheriff

• No authority to act in any law enforcement capacity except to the extent necessary to prevent or abate an active assailant incident on school premises

• No power of arrest
Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program

• Mutual decision by Sheriff, School Board & Superintendent

• School districts opting out of participation may still allow their charter schools the option if the local sheriff is willing
Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program – cont’d.

- Guardians will have concealed weapons permit
- Must undergo 144 hours (or more) of firearms safety training, to include 12 hours of diversity training
- Prior to appointment, must pass a psychological evaluation, drug screening and background check
Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program – Funding

• $500,000 in recurring funds and $67 million in nonrecurring funds

• Funds to be used for:
  • screening-related costs
  • training-related costs, and
  • a one-time stipend of $500 to each guardian
Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program – Numbers

• Currently, 25 Sheriff’s throughout Florida have agreed to train volunteers as guardians in traditional schools and/or charter school settings

• Application requests total approximately $9,307,862.04
School Safety Specialist – S. 1006.07(6)(a), F.S.

- A district school administrator designated by each school district superintendent
- Trained by the Office of Safe Schools
- Oversee all aspects of school safety within the school district
- Liaison with local public safety agencies, community agencies & organizations
- Conduct school security risk assessments, along with first responders for each campus

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Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT) – Ss. 1006.07(6)(a)(4) & 1006.1493, F.S.

• Assessments were due by **August 1, 2018**, for all districts school sites

• District assessments were due by **October 31, 2018**
Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT) – Ss. 1006.07(6)(a)(4) & 1006.1493, F.S.

• School Safety Specialist required to conduct school safety risk assessments

• Helps school officials identify threats, vulnerabilities and appropriate safety controls for the schools they supervise

• Required by each district and public school site
Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT) – Ss. 1006.07(6)(a)(4) & 1006.1493, F.S.

• FSSAT Evaluation
  • Contract with a third party consultant
  • Evaluate and provide a comprehensive review of the tool
  • Experience in conducting security risk assessments of public schools
  • Determine the effectiveness of the recommendations produced
  • MGT Consulting Group selected
Active Shooter Training – S. 1006.07(4)(b)(1), F.S.

- Active shooter & hostage situation drills must engage the School Safety Specialist, threat assessment team members, faculty, staff and students

- Training must be conducted by the law enforcement agency or agencies designated as first responders to the school’s campus
Active Shooter Training – S. 1006.07(4)(b)(1), F.S.

• For School Safety Specialists:
  • Active shooter prevention/mitigation, preparedness and response
  • School safety training to include threat assessment, crisis management, campus safety assessment, mental health awareness, etc.

• For school staff and students:
  • Active shooter protective actions

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Threat Assessment Teams – S. 1006.07(7), F.S.

- Each school board shall adopt policies & establish threat assessment teams at each school
- Counselor, teacher, administrator & law enforcement (SRO), etc.
Physical Security of School Buildings

- $98,962,286 for grants to schools to fund fixed capital outlay costs associated with improving physical security of school buildings as identified by security risk assessment

- Grant guidelines issued by FDOE August 21, 2018

- Application submission deadline December 1, 2018

- Grants awarded no later than January 15, 2019
Physical Security of School Buildings

• Funds are for fixed capital outlay items related to building safety and security, including items that are part of a building or those related to campus such as fences

• Allowable expenses:
  • A fixed capital outlay expenditure;
  • Associated with improving the physical and security of school building;
  • Identified by a security risk assessment completed prior to August 1, 2018;
  • Used for items other than code compliance deficiencies; and
  • In addition to or augment existing security features.
Mobile Suspicious Activity Reporting Tool – S. 943.082, F.S.

- FortifyFL
- Allows for anonymous reporting (available on Android & Apple devices)
- Information shared with local LE & school officials

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FortifyFL

• Launched October 8, 2018

• Available to both public and private schools

• FDOE’s role:
  • Promote and facilitate awareness among all stakeholders
  • Provide training and technical assistance
We received a notice and a photo on social media that had a message that said “don’t come to school tomorrow” meaning today 10/27/2018. The image was of a student, his first name is but we don’t know his last name, he was wearing a bandanna and holding a gun. We have saved the image if needed.
Don’t come to school tomorrow
7:23 AM Incident reported
7:24 AM School, district and law enforcement notified
7:40 AM Incident acknowledged
FortifyFL

- October 26, 2018
- 7:23 AM Tip created in FortifyFL
- 7:24 AM All relevant school and law enforcement contacts notified of tip
- 7:40 AM Tip acknowledged
- 7:46 AM SSS calls dispatch to notify SRO
- 8:04 AM SRO arrives at suspect’s residence
- 8:06 AM Suspect taken into custody/arrested without incident
Centralized Integrated Data Repository

SS. 1001.212(6)-(9), F.S. requires the Florida Department of Education to coordinate with the Department of Law Enforcement to provide a centralized integrated data repository and data analytics resources to improve access to timely, complete and accurate information integrating data from, at a minimum, but not limited to, the following data sources by December 1, 2018:

• (a) Social Media;
• (b) Department of Children and Families;
• (c) Department of Law Enforcement;
• (d) Department of Juvenile Justice; and
• (e) Local law enforcement.
Centralized Integrated Data Repository

- **Workgroup 1 (User and Data Governance):** responsible for identifying data and access controls within the centralized system.

- **Workgroup 2 (Technology):** responsible for recommending a technical solution, implementation strategy, and the sustainability plan for the centralized system.

- **Workgroup 3 (Legal):** responsible for establishing data sharing agreements, procedures, and user access forms.
Social Media Monitoring Tool

The Social Media Monitoring Tool, a data analytic resource, is a monitoring tool that is intended to aid districts with social media monitoring services. The Florida Department of Education will procure a statewide contract for this tool.

- ITN was released on 8/3/18
- Responses were due on 9/6/18
- There were eight (8) respondents
Other OSS Responsibilities

• Statewide Bullying Prevention Efforts and Oversight
• School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESI R)
• Safe Schools Appropriations and Expenditures Report
• Teen Dating Violence Prevention
• Substance Use/Abuse Prevention (Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco)
Other OSS Responsibilities (cont’d.) . . .

• Cyber and Internet Safety (relating to texting and social media)
• Gun-Free Schools/Weapons Possession
• Zero Tolerance and Discipline in Schools
• Promoting Positive School Climate and Social Emotional Learning Environments
• Responding to constituent concerns for all things relating to school safety and security (for students, staff, schools, school districts or Florida at large)
FBI Study Released June 20, 2018

• There is “no single warning sign, checklist or algorithm for assessing behaviors that” suggest a potential rampage shooter.

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