

SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY IN DASD

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CURRENT PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

- Chief Security Officer since 2014
- Raptor Visitor Management System
 - Includes computer based panic button in all front offices
- Secured Buildings:
 - Swipe card access for staff
 - Secure vestibules
 - Buzzed in access control
- Video Surveillance
 - Over 1300 security cameras in 17 buildings
 - Currently DPD and UTPD have direct access

CURRENT PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

- Emergency Drills
 - Evacuation, secure building, severe weather, fire, and announced/unannounced lock down drills
- Canine sweeps at the high schools, middle schools, and 6th grade center (drugs, alcohol, and weapons)
- Security staff at high schools including armed, retired State Trooper at DHSE and School Resource Officer from Downingtown PD at DHSW
- 2-way radio systems for communication in all 16 schools
- Magnets for door jams to rapidly secure doors in all K-12 schools
- “Go Kits” (10 per school) for all K-5 schools equipped with basic emergency supplies

CURRENT PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

- Regular visits from law enforcement
- Annual Downtown Area School District Safety Summit
- Emergency responder access to schools
- DASD Schools utilized as SWAT and First Responder training sites
- Emergency plans updated and revised as needed
- Security personnel for athletic events
- Bi-monthly meetings with Detectives from DPD and UTPD

TRAINING

- ALICE for Administrators
- ACT (Attack Countermeasures Training) Certification for Principals (2013)
- Crisis Management Training: Expectations and Actions for Principals (2012)
- Faculty presentations by CSO and on-going emergency drills
- Mass Gathering Security Planning for CSO, Athletic Director, and Assistant Superintendent
- Attendance at annual CCIU Safety Symposiums
- Southeast PA Homeland Security Task Force summit attended by CSO
- Table Top exercise for District Office Personnel coordinated by Chester County Dept. of Emergency Services
- Limerick Nuclear Power Plant Radiological Emergency Response Drill for District Office and selected schools
- Incident Response to Terroristic Bombing training for CSO

EXPENDITURES FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY: SINCE 2012

	Total Cost	Est. Annual Cost
Security Cameras	2,051,659	12,000
Security Guards – Schools	1,877,763	345,000
Security Guards - Athletics	154,799	30,000
Chief Security Officer	142,050	43,200
Fire/Security Ins./Test/Monitor	188,741	31,000
Card Access/Entrance upgrades	105,268	
Raptor	23,440	7,800
Canine Sweeps	9,100	1,800
Lockdown Magnets	5,933	
Total	\$4,558,463	\$470,800

POSSIBLE AREAS OF ENHANCEMENT OR UPGRADE

- Additional Armed Security Guards, SRO's, Armed School Police
- Additional Training for Staff: ALICE
- Panic buttons that are hard wired and/or app based
- Mass Notification Systems
- Security for all large group gathering events at schools (concerts, musicals, etc)
- Student/Staff Programming
- Update Individual Building Threat Assessments
- Notification to office staff of expected visitors

POSSIBLE AREAS OF ENHANCEMENT OR UPGRADE

- Locked classroom door reinforcement
- Increase the number of lockdown drills
- Additional 2-way radios
- Surveillance Video sharing with County DES
- Volunteer parent/community based door and exterior monitors
- Reinforcing exterior glass
- Door alarm system for exterior doors during school hours
- Facility hardening