

DISTRICT CRISIS RESPONSE PLAN
Western Placer Unified School District

2016-2017
**COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL
SITE SAFETY PLAN**

CRISIS RESPONSE PLAN

For

**Western Placer Unified
School District**

and

Foskett Ranch Elementary

Reviewed by Site Council

January 24, 2017

(NOTE: The Crisis Response Plan is ONE of SEVEN sections of the
Comprehensive School Site Safety Plan)

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SECTION ONE: Assignment and Duties

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ROLE	NAME	CHAIN
Site Leader – Principal (Oversees ENTIRE Situation)	By Site - Name/Cell CCC – Shamryn Coyle-916-251-6842 COES –Scott Pickett-530-308-9527 FSS – Ruben Ayala- 580-8635 FRES–Kelly Castillo-530-878-6310 LCES–Mark Rodriguez-530-210-1569 SES – John Kovach-530-906-2349 TBE–Rey Cubias -606-7287 GEMS – Stacey Brown-645-6146 TBMS–Randy Woods-916-203-4973 LHS – Jay Berns-390-3712 PHS – Chuck Whitecotton-752-0740	Site Principal→Superintendent/DO → Site Principal → Site Coordinator Continuous Loop – Site Principal keeps Superintendent/DO informed & Superintendent/DO provides leadership to Site Principal Site Principal delegates to Site Coordinator so that the Site Principal is available and not tied down with a specific task
Site Coordinator (Deals with SPECIFICS/DETAILS of Situation)	CCC – Cindy Hood – 770-7420 COES – Emily Coffee 316-4261 FSS – Bill Justice – 847-2420 FRES – D.Burbage-Macaluso 267-3238 LCES – Pam Soha- 434-5292 SES – Karen Roberts – 759-9862 TBES – GEMS – Josh O’Geen 749-8404 TBMS – Randy Woods 203-4973 LHS – Vicki Eutsey – 295-4930 PHS – Mike Maul – 849-5060	Site Principal→Superintendent/DO → Site Principal → Site Coordinator Site Coordinator → Site Staff CCC 645-6390 GEMS 645-6370 COES 645-6380 TBMS 434-5270 FSS 645-6330 LHS 645-6360 FRES 434-5255 PHS 645-6395 LCES 434-5292 SES 530-633-2591 TBES 434-5220
District Administrator (Coordinates all activities, rumor control, communication)	Scott Leaman, Superintendent (Kerry Callahan, Asst. Supt)	Scott Leaman →Site Principal →Site Coordinator
District Office Liaison (Communicates to Depts/Sites)	Audrey Kilpatrick, Asst Supt. (Remains at DO)	Kerry Callahan → District Office →Other Sites/Tech/Head Start, as appropriate
Community Liaison (Communicates to Media/Other)	Scott Leaman, Supt.	Scott Leaman →LPD, etc.
Crisis Response Team (Provides Emotional Support)	Susan Watkins, Dir SPED → School Psychologists/Counselors →Staff/Students	Kerry Callahan → Susan Watkins →School Psychologists & Counselors
Transportation (Buses Students as Necessary)	Audrey Kilpatrick, Asst Supt → Mark DeRossett, Transportation Dir	Mark DeRossett → Kate Johnson → Bus Drivers, as needed
Maintenance & Facilities (Physical Plant/Safety Needs)	Audrey Kilpatrick, Asst. Supt. → Mike Adell, Facilities & Curtis Stizzo, Maintenance	Mike Adell & Curtis Stizzo→ Maintenance personnel as needed
Personnel (Provides Info as Needed)	Gabe Simon, Asst. Supt.	Gabe Simon → Kari O’Toole/Melissa Ramirez
Communication (2-Way Radio Support)	Audrey Kilpatrick, Asst Supt	Curtis Stizzo→Maintenance
Technology (Provides technological support)	Kerry Callahan → Tsugufumi Furuyama	Tsugufumi Furuyama → Aaron Newman → Joe Ross
Translation (Provides translation as needed)	Kerry Callahan →Ramey Dern	Ramey Dern → Maria Gonzalez → Rosemary Knutson

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Nursing (Provides Medical Support)	Kerry Callahan → Jessica Rogers & Kathleen Dano	Jessica Rogers & Kathleen Dano → Clerks/Clerk II's
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ESSENTIAL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

	Telephone #	Fax #	Cellular #	Other #
DISTRICT OFFICE/COMMAND CENTER Scott Leaman, Supt	916-645-6350	916-645-6356	916-214-1222	
DISTRICT OFFICE LIAISON Kerry Callahan, Asst. Supt.	916-645-6350	916-645-6356	916-580-9713	
COMMUNITY LIAISON Scott Leaman, Supt	916-645-6350	916-645-6356	916-214-1222	
PERSONNEL Gabe Simon, Asst. Supt.	916-645-5293	916-645-6348	530-401-4722	
MAINT/FACILITIES & COMMUNICATIONS Audrey Kilpatrick Mike Adell Curtis Stizzo	916-434-5000 916-434-7268 916-645-5100	916-645-6582	916-662-0098 916-201-3604 916-206-4492	
TRANSPORTATION Mark DeRossett Kate Johnson	916-645-6346 916-645-5171	916-434-3758	916-956-3798 530-613-8997	
INTEGRATED FIRE SYSTEMS, INC Emergency Page # See Page 5 for passcode	530-637-5322 866-952-6840 866-952-6840	530-637-5299		<u>Alarm Shut-Off Info.</u> www.integratedfiresystems.com
TECHNOLOGY Tsugufumi Furuyama Aaron Newman Joe Ross	916-645-5715 916-645-4017 916-645-6394		916-717-7193 (cell) 916-751-9584 (cell) 916-708-3876 (cell)	
CRISIS RESPONSE Susan Watkins Amy Petterson Sandi Miller Ellie Martinez Mayela Martinez Vincent Hurtado	916-645-6350 916-645-4078	916-645-6356	916-247-2756 916-580-7397 916-956-0116 818-395-5700 916-205-2996 916-206-3028	916-580-4217 (cell) 916-834-2435 (cell) 916-635-1393 (hm)
NURSING Kathleen Dano Jessica Rogers	916-645-6360 916-434-5270		916-878-0270 916-677-9217	
TRANSLATION Ramey Dern Maria Gonzalez Rosemary Knutson Melissa Ramirez	916-645-6350 916-645-6350 916-645-6350 916-645-5293		925-207-3549 916-316-3665 916-390-5175	

Accessing Alarm Account History:

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On the internet, go to “alarmaccount.com”. Using all Capital letters, enter the site account number. Enter your password, or use the default one, (HARBOR). A list of responsible parties will come up on the screen. To the left, there is a tab that says, “Recent History”. Left click on that tab. All recent events will be listed.

The account numbers are as follows:

CCC	IFS0180	SECURITY	150 E. 12 TH STREET	645-6390
COES	IFS0167	SECURITY	2030 1 ST STREET	645-6380
FSS	IFS0171	SECURITY	1400 1 ST STREET	645-6330
FRE	IFS0172	FIRE	1561 JOINER PWY	434-5255
FRE	IFS0182	SECURITY	“ “ “	434-5255
LCE	IFS0174	FIRE	635 GROVELAND	434-5292
LCE	IFS0183	SECURITY	“ “ “	434-5292
SES	IFS1177	SECURITY	4730 H STREET	530-633-2591
TBE	IFS0178	FIRE	2450 EASTRIDGE DR.	434-5220
TBE	IFS0185	SECURITY	“ “ “	434-5220
TBM	IFS0179	FIRE	770 WESTVIEW DR.	434-5270
TBM	IFS0186	SECURITY	“ “ “	434-5270
LHS	IFS0175	FIRE	790 J STREET	645-6360
LHS	IFS0184	SECURITY	“ “ “	645-6360
PHS	IFS0176	SECURITY	870 J STREET	645-6395
BUS	IFS0169	FIRE	2705 NICOLAUS	645-6373
BUS	IFS0181	SECURITY	“ “ “	645-6373
ODO*	IFS0168	SECURITY	810 J STREET	434-5000
NDO+	IFS2028	SECURITY	600 SIXTH STREET	645-6350

*OLD DISTRICT OFFICE
+NEW DISTRICT OFFICE

TO PLACE YOUR CAMPUS ON TEST:
CALL IFS MONITORING STATION @ 1-866-952-6840
GIVE THEM THE CORRECT ACCOUNT NUMBER OR ADDRESS OF SCHOOL
IF ASKED FOR A PASSWORD, “WPUSD14”

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Using Your ICOM or KENWOOD Radio

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These radios have been programmed to communicate with the base stations at all sites.

Do not set your radio to Channel 1.
This Channel is designated for EMERGENCIES ONLY.

Keep your radio charged up, but not left in the charger for more than 24 hours.

Turn on the radio, (top of radio, dial knob on the right.). Turn the volume up, (same knob)

Make sure your channel is set to the site assigned channel. (Either dial knob on top or scroll arrows on the face of the radio.)

Depress the “push-to-talk” button and hold it down until you finish talking. Release the talk button and wait for a response. To talk to another site, use the channel assignment below

Ch. 1 Emergency only

Ch. 2 Transportation

Ch. 3 Maintenance

Ch 4 Food Services

Ch 5 Twelve Bridges M.

Ch 6 Sheridan

Ch 7 Creekside Oaks

Ch 8 CC Coppin

Ch 9 First Street School

Ch 10 Glen Edwards

Ch 11 Phoenix High

Ch 12 Lincoln High

Ch 13 Foskett Ranch

Ch 14 Twelve Bridges E

Ch 15 Lincoln Crossing

Ch 16 CARE (after-school)

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CARE (After School Program)			TECHNOLOGY	434-3737
Abigail Castillo, Director	300-4214 (cell)		Tsugufumi Furuyama	717-7193 (cell)
	645-5135 (office)			645-5175
(Office)				
FSS	434-5038		Aaron Newman	751-
9584 (cell)				
GEMS	645-4020			645-
4017				
SES	530-633-8119		Joe Ross	708-3876 (cell)
HEAD START PRESCHOOL			Chuck Youtsey	434-3737
CCC	645-1051			206-2297 (cell)
Infant/Toddler Center	434-3705 (Next to Phoenix High School)		Gordon West	201-9282
FAX	434-3706		Kevin Perry	517-3646 (cell)
				209-712-1602
				916-587-2600(office)
PCOE PRESCHOOL				
1 ST & 1	645-1772			
SES	530 633-2591			
CCC	916-645-6390, ext 37			
STAR				
Creekside Oaks	434-8085			
Twelve Bridges	434-6542			
Lincoln Crossing	409-0797			
Foskett Ranch	434-5884			
FRES Preschool	632-8417			
CAFETERIA				
GEMS – Food Director	645-6373			
LHS – Dawn	645-6365			
CCC - Kitchen	645-6392			
Cafeteria Clerk	645-6375			
GEMS Cafeteria Clerk	645-4054			
FSS Cafeteria Clerk	434-7283			
TBE Cafeteria Clerk	434-5212			
TBM Cafeteria Clerk	434-5269			
LIGHTHOUSE COUNSELING & FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER	645-3300		Fax –	434-3735

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DISTRICT OFFICE EXTENSIONS

101	Evelyn Keaton, District Office Clerk	118	Roberta Giles, Special Ed. Clerk
102	Denise Arger, District Office Clerk	119	
103		120	Ramey Dern, Interventions Secretary
104	Rosemary Knutson , Superintendent Secretary	121	Stacie Wyatt, Account Technician
105/106	Scott Leaman, Superintendent	122	Tammy Sommer, Account Technician
107	Kerry Callahan, Asst. Supt. Educational Services	123	Bonnie Pellow, Account Technician
108	Maria Gonzalez, Admin Assist Ed. Services	124/125	
109	Audrey Kilpatrick, Asst. Supt. Business	126	Debbie McKinnon, Payroll Technician
110	Carrie Carlson, Dir. of Business	127	Rhia Zinzun, Payroll Technician
111	Terri Dorow, Director of Educational Services	128	Melissa Ramirez, Personnel Technician
112	Gabe Simon, Asst. Supt. of Personnel Services	129	Kari O'Toole, Personnel Technician
113		130	
114	Kathleen Leehane, Dir. of Supp. Programs	131	Mike Adell, Director of Facilities
115	Amy Pettersen, Program Specialist Spec. Ed	135	Abigail Castillo, CARE Program
116	Susan Watkins, Dir. of Special Education	137	Brooke Crosthwaite, Bus/Pers. Admin Asst.
117	Diane Metzelaar, Secretary Special Education	138	

**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR
Responsibility Checklist**

Superintendent Leaman/Assistant Superintendent Callahan

Basic Duties: Oversees coordination of all activities; makes decisions re evacuation off-campus

- CONFIRM FACTS** Obtains accurate information about the total situation. Determines the degree of impact.
- Works with principal to decide whether to evacuate off campus.
- Works with principal to convene the **Crisis Response Team.**
- Works with District Office Liaison to set up a **Community Bulletin Board/Communications** at District Office.
- Authorizes Board members to be contacted.
- Notifies City Manager of situation.
- Goes to school site.
- Contacts own family to assess their safety and to inform them of situation.

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- Works with site team to support resolution activities.
- Works with District Liaison to communicate with District Office staff to update information and to provide support.
- Updates Board members.
- Approves communication to parents emphasizing the positive.
- Assists the site with evaluation of the event and the response.
- Plans and sends appreciations to people who helped: letter to the editor, potluck, etc. is appropriate to retain a feeling of community.
- Conducts debrief after the event.

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**DISTRICT OFFICE LIAISON
Responsibility Checklist**

Assistant Superintendent, Audrey Kilpatrick

Basic Duties: Coordinates all activities at the District Office location.

- Confirms situation with Superintendent.
- Sets up and organizes District Command Center (Business Office)
- Notifies Transportation, Maintenance, Personnel, and Communication, where necessary.
- Screens calls to Superintendent's Office. Delegates to the Superintendent and Asst. Superintendent's Secretary/Admin Assistant.
- Provides updates to Board members. Delegates to the Superintendent and Asst. Superintendent's Secretary/Admin Assistant.
- Updates voicemail message on district phones. Delegates to the Superintendent and Asst. Superintendent's Secretary/Admin Assistant.
- Notifies and updates all sites of the situation.
- Advises other districts of situation, if required.
- Notifies the Placer County Office of Education, if warranted.
- Coordinates repairs, if needed.
- Contacts insurance carrier

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**SITE LEADER - PRINCIPAL
Responsibility Checklist**

Basic Duties: Oversees entire situation on site; works with Superintendent to make decisions.

- Principal deals directly with District Office/Community coordination.
- Principal makes necessary decisions in consultation with District Office.
- Principal notifies local law enforcement/fire department when deemed appropriate.
- Principal works with District Administrator to activate Crisis Response Team (School psychs/counselors)
- Principal oversees entire operation and respond as needed, confident the entire operation is coordinated, organized and under the control of a competent Site Commander.
- Principal trouble shoots based on developing circumstances.
- Principal works with District Office re media operations/ communications.
- Principal works with emergency personnel.
- Principal accompanies students and faculty to a safe evacuation site if deemed appropriate.
- Principal is efficient/flexible/available to make decisions and communicate – not tied to a specific task.

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**SITE COORDINATOR
(Task Master)
Responsibility Checklist**

CCC – Cindy Hood 770-7420
COES – Emily Coffee 316-4261
FSS – Bill Justice 847-2420
FRES – Dan Burbage-Macaluso 267-3238
LCES – Pam Soha 434-5292
SES – Karen Roberts 916-759-9862
TBES - ?????????????
GEMS - Josh O'Geen 749-8404
TBMS - Randy Woods 203-4973
LHS – Vicki Eutsey 295-4930
PHS – Tracy Gruber 837-0155

Basic Duties: Coordinate all activities at the incident site.

- Directs activities of **Site Command Center**
- Alerts Teachers as required
- Ensures Staff are at required positions with equipment/information necessary to complete tasks
- Assigns additional duties to available staff and direct site operation
- Communicates with nursing staff and Crisis Response Team, as needed
- Communicates with Transportation, Food Services, as necessary
- Organizes and coordinates all necessary activities at site.
- Requests added personnel from Personnel Officer.
- Works with Site Principal to advise parents of early dismissal of students, if necessary.
- Provides information to Superintendent/media spokesperson regarding early dismissal of Students and other information, if/as necessary

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**DESIGNATED SECONDARY PERSON IN CASE
THE PRINCIPAL OR SITE COORDINATOR IS
UNAVAILABLE**

NAME	CELL #
CCC – Lori Deschamps	– 316-9067
COES – Annie Larsen	316-5462
FSS – Norma Lázaro	– 916-207-8545
FRES – Katrina Moddelmog	521-1201
LCES – Irma Balonek	- 916-434-5292
SES – Mike Maul	– 916-849-5060
TBES – Corie Volmer	202-6446
GEMS – Debra Morrison	916-765-3409
TBMS – Todd Boynton	916-205-6965
LHS – Barbara Green	– 307-7747
PHS – Clint Nelson	– 916-276-7262

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TEACHERS
Responsibility Check List

Basic Duties: Supervise and assist your students

In Classroom (Lockdown or Shelter in Place)

- Secure your classroom - lock doors, close windows and shades/blinds.
- Attempt to keep the student calm
- Provide first aid where necessary
- (Lockdown - Students and teachers maintain duck and cover positions away from doors/windows)
- Place color card in the window
 - Green = all safe
 - Red = CRITICAL - need help - injury - missing student
- Do not use the phone - do not use cellular phones

Evacuation (Fire, Bomb Threat or Off-Campus)

- Quickly, yet orderly, escort students to safe area as designated in Site Plan
- Take record book, student information cards, color warning cards
- Take attendance when safe site is reached
- STAY WITH YOUR STUDENTS - wait for instructions re student release

Teachers on prep period

- Report directly to identified areas to secure the campus
- Assist the Site Coordinator with needs (Assist at evacuation site, serve as a runner, make phone calls, etc....)

(SEE PAGE 24 – LIST OF OFF CAMPUS SITES)

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**COMMUNITY LIAISON
Responsibility Checklist**

Superintendent, Scott Leaman

Basic Duties: Your position is to coordinate all activities at the community level.

- Act as media spokesperson.
- Coordinate with District Office Liaison and Administration
- Work with site team members to advise parents.
- Be in communication with site level person at hospital.
- Be in contact with City Council and Local Officials, as needed
- Relay information about hospital victims to **District Office Command Center.**
- At Site Administrator's request, take a leadership role in conducting parent and community meetings.
- Contact radio, television, newspapers, as deemed appropriate.
- If requested by site, coordinate a community resource response.
- Plan with Site Principal and Crisis Response Team for a community meeting, if needed.

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**CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM
Responsibility Checklist**

**Susan Watkins
Amy Pettersen**

Basic Duties: Your main function is to organize and dispatch members of the Crisis Response Team to the appropriate incident site.

Crisis Response Team Members: (School Psychologists and School Counselors)

Susan Watkins, Amy Pettersen, Stacey Barsdale, Sandy Miller, Ellie Martinez, Mayela Martinez, Vincent Hurtado, Janice Giorgi, Victoria Galvan, Liz Wilson, Tom Kelly, Mary Lou Resendes, Terry Thickens

- At request of site Crisis Response Support Team Leader, contact community mental health resources.
- Direct activities of any District Interns.
- If requested by site, contact neighboring districts and secure their assistance.
- Contact Placer/Sacramento County law enforcement chaplaincy, as necessary
- Contact Placer/Sacramento County Department of Mental Health to alert the Critical Incident Stress Management Team, as necessary
- Provide support to students and staff, if requested; assess critical situations.
- Assist site in staffing safe rooms for students and staff.
- Provide written information to parents concerning possible reactions to the event.
- Be available for consultation to site as they conduct follow-up activities in the weeks to come.

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**TRANSPORTATION
Responsibility Checklist**

Mark DeRosset/Kate Johnson

Basic Duties: Coordinate all transportation needs surrounding the incident.

- Work with dispatcher to contact bus drivers, if necessary.
- Advise Mid Placer Transportation of situation and coordinate resources, if necessary.
- Advise drivers of staging areas and routes.
- Assign mechanics and available maintenance staff to work with Lincoln PD (if available) to block and direct traffic to allow buses to safely enter and exit designated pick-up area.
- Provide evacuation to secondary site, if necessary.
- Provide early transportation home to regular bus drivers as necessary.
- Check off names of students on bus rosters as they reach exit gate; have mechanic escort them to proper buses.

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**MAINTENANCE/FACILITIES
Responsibility Checklist**

**Curtis Stizzo - Maintenance
Mike Adell - Facilities**

Basic Duties: Provide all necessary support as deemed appropriate

- Accompany Superintendent to incident site.
- Provide blueprints and any other technical data of the site.
- Designate staff to bring extra communication equipment to the sites.
- Assist emergency services personnel with information about the site.
- Provide any required resources to emergency personnel.
- Provide support in establishing site command center.
- Coordinate repairs.

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PERSONNEL
Responsibility Checklist

Gabe Simon, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel

Basic Duties: Identify district personnel who can be of assistance during the crisis.

- Notify employee families affected by the crisis.
- Assist site with information on personnel, including substitutes, who are present on campus.
- Contact substitutes to work upcoming days.
- Assist in coordination of specialized personnel to incident, per request of Command Center or District Liaison.
- Provide and maintain an updated resource guide of specialized personnel.

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**COMMUNICATION
Responsibility Checklist**

Curtis Stizzo

Basic Duties: Provide the most effective form of communication to the incident site under the circumstances.

- Work with Telephone Company, as necessary.
- Update voice mail message, as appropriate.
- Keep sites updated on telephone status.
- Coordinate use of District's 2-way radio system and all phone contacts.

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TECHNOLOGY
Responsibility Checklist

Tsugufumi Furuyama

Basic Duties: Provide access to electronic communications services.

- Provide information on mass messaging – email, voicemail, text.
- Work with Site Leader to coordinate messaging.
- Work with sites to provide access to Student Management System (AERIES)
- Assist with technology needs.

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**DISTRICT NURSE
Responsibility Checklist**

Jessica Rogers R.N. & Sara Hodgen R.N.

Basic Duties:

Provide the best possible first aid service to the incident site as circumstances permit.

- At request of Site Coordinator report to site and establish a first aid station area; ensure adequate adult assistance.
- Provide direction to Clerks re handling of Student Medication.
- Provide direction and support to Clerks re reviewing Student Health Care Plans for students with critical needs.
- Direct first aid station under the supervision of the Site Coordinator.
- Coordinate activities with hospital, if needed.
- Meet with parents of injured students.
- Assist school site team with parent or community meeting.

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TRANSLATION

Responsibility Checklist

Ramey Dern/Maria Gonzalez/Melissa Ramirez/Rosemary Knutson

Basic Duties: Provide translation for communications and information as necessary

- Provide appropriate information to Spanish radio and Television stations as deemed appropriate.
- Coordinate release of information with Community Liaison Officer – Scott Leaman
- Establish a procedure to provide communication and information to parents.
- Mobilize translators (teachers/students/parents) as needed.

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SECTION TWO: Evacuation Information

**OPERATIONAL AREAS
AND
SAFE ON-CAMPUS SITES**

SCHOOL SITE	OPERATIONAL AREA	STUDENT SECURITY
Lincoln High School	New Administrative Office Area - Priority One Old Office Administrative Office Area – Priority Two	Fine Arts Theater - Priority One and New Gym/Old Gym - Priority Two
Glen Edwards Middle School	School Office & Staff Room - Priority One Room 20/21- Priority Two	Multi Purpose Room - Priority One Classroom Holding Areas - Priority Two
Creekside Oaks Elementary School	Administrative Building/School Office - Priority One Library - Priority Two	Classroom Holding Areas - Priority One Community Center - Priority Two
Carlin C. Coppin Elementary School	Main Office Complex - Priority One Extension Classroom Unit III – Priority Two	Classroom Holding Areas - Priority One Multi Purpose Room - Priority Two
Sheridan School	School Office - Priority One Staff Room – Priority Two	Classroom Holding Areas - Priority One Multi Purpose Room - Priority Two
Phoenix High School	Office Complex - Priority One Infant Care Center - Priority Two	Classroom Holding Areas - Priority One Infant Care Center - Priority Two
First Street School	Office Complex – Priority One Library – Priority Two	Classroom Holding Areas – Priority One Multi/Café – Priority Two
Twelve Bridges Elementary School	Office – Priority One Library – Priority Two	Classroom Holding Areas – Priority One Multi Purpose Room – Priority Two
Foskett Ranch Elementary School	Office – Priority One Library – Priority Two	Classroom Holding Areas – Priority One Multi Purpose Room – Priority Two
Twelve Bridges Middle School	Office – Priority One Library – Priority Two	Classroom Holding Areas – Priority One Gymnasium – Priority Two
Lincoln Crossing Elementary	Office – Priority One Library – Priority Two	Classroom Holding Areas – Priority One Multi Purpose Room – Priority Two
District Office	Zebra Room – Priority One Lincoln High School – Priority Two	N/A – Assist at Sites

CRISIS EVACUATION OFF-CAMPUS SITES

FROM	TO
Carlin Coppin School	Lincoln High School
Creekside Oaks School	Lincoln High School
Sheridan School	Stuart Hall/LHS
Glen Edwards Middle	Lincoln High School
Phoenix High	Glen Edwards Middle Sch.
Lincoln High School	Glen Edwards Middle Sch.
First Street School	Creekside Oaks Elem. Sch.
Twelve Bridges Elem. School	Twelve Bridges Middle Sch.
Foskett Ranch School	Lincoln High School
Twelve Bridges Middle School	Twelve Bridges Elem. School
Lincoln Crossing Elem. School	Creekside Oaks Elem. School
District Office	Lincoln High School

**ALTERNATE SITES ARE GLEN EDWARDS
MIDDLE SCHOOL AND CREEKSIDE OAKS, IN
THAT ORDER**

EVACUATION OF CAMPUS

Things to Grab:

- Student Emergency Cards (Secretary)
- Student Health Care Plan Binder (Clerk)
- Student Medication Binder (Clerk)
- Medication Bag (Clerk)
 - Labeled Student Meds; Juice boxes
- Evacuation Boxes (Principal)
 - (Goal of 1 box per 100 – 200 students)
 - Principal calls Superintendent/DO
- Blueprint of School (Custodian)
- 5 – 10 Orange Cones (Custodian)

Evacuation Boxes:

- Schools of <400
 - SES & PHS
 - 1 of 12 X 9 X 4 box (one parent pick-up line) containing:
 - Pens/pencils & roll of tape
 - Small spiral notebook
 - Instructions
 - 4 waters, 4 vests, 2 whistles
- Schools of 400 – 500
 - CCC, FSS, FRES
 - 4 of 12 X 9 X 4 boxes (4 parent pick-up lines)
 - EACH of 4 boxes labeled for its alpha section and contains:
 - 2 laminated ALPHA signs for its alpha section
 - A – F; G – L; M – R; S – Z
 - Pens/pencils & roll of tape
 - Small spiral notebook
 - Instructions
 - 4 waters, 4 vests, 2 whistles
- Schools of 500 – 1500 students
 - COES, LCES, TBES, GEMS, TBMS, LHS
 - 8 of 12 X 9 X 4 boxes (8 parent pick-up lines)
 - Each of 8 boxes labeled for its alpha section and contains:
 - 2 laminated ALPHA signs for its alpha section
 - A – C; D – F; G – I; J – L; M – O; P – R; S – U; V - Z
 - Pens/Pencils & roll of tape
 - Small spiral notebook
 - Instructions
 - 4 waters, 4 vests, 2 whistles

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Instructions in Each Evacuation Box:

- Grab Emergency Cards for Your Alpha Section, put in Box and move to Parent Holding Area
- Team of 4 adults per Box MINIMUM! Each wears a vest and whistle.
- Team is NON-Teaching Staff! (Teachers are supervising their students) Use other staff, teachers without classes, or non-district adult volunteers if necessary.
 - **Adult #1 Leader/Sign Holder** – Grabs Emergency Cards & puts in box; holds Alpha Sign high and maintains order front of line; receives communications; makes decisions; restores boxes at end of incident
 - **Adult #2 Line Walker** - lines parents up, calms parents, and walks the line communicating info/updates – taking care of medical situations
 - **Adult #3 Card Puller** - pulls cards from box, checks parent ID's, checks off name on emergency card of person receiving student. If released to another adult, records California Drivers License # of that adult on bottom of card.
 - **Adult #4 Runner** – runs cards (5 at a time) to Student Waiting Area to call for students, then walks students and cards to Student Release Area; turns cards over to Clerk/Secretary at Student Release Area for refiling

Student Waiting Area:

- Students line up with teacher; Teacher takes roll, then has students SIT IN LINES to maintain order and for easy identification/release of students when called.
- Teacher releases student to runners when students names are called.

Student Release Area:

- Students go with Adult #4 (runner with cards) to Student Release Area
- Secretary/Clerk releases students from Student Release Area, refiling cards behind alpha tabs as released

Students Riding Buses:

- Students remain seated in line with teacher in Student Waiting Area as above and wait with class until Bus # is announced.
- Go to designated area for Bus # when called.
- Bus driver with list checks students off as they board.

Students Driving Cars:

- Students remain seated in line with teacher in Student Waiting Area as above and wait for all clear announcement at which time may drive home. If all clear is not announced, must be picked up by parents in same manner as other students.

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SECTION THREE: Local Emergency Services

LOCAL EMERGENCY SERVICES

LINCOLN POLICE DEPARTMENT	916-645-4040
LINCOLN FIRE DEPARTMENT	916-645-4040
PLACER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	530-889-7870
CALIF. DEPT. OF FORESTRY, FIRE, RESCUE	916-645-2360
AMERICAN RED CROSS 457 Grass Valley Hwy.	530-885-9392
COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES	530-889-7720
PLACER COUNTY FIRE	530-823-4411
EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEMS	530-823-4411
C.H.P.	911/ emergency
EMERGENCY SERVICES	530-889-7721
CITY OF LINCOLN	916-645-3314
KRIS WYATT, BOARD PRESIDENT	916-768-3803
BRIAN HALEY, BOARD VICE PRESIDENT	916-952-8598
DAMIAN ARMITAGE, BOARD CLERK	916-743-5881
PAUL CARRAS, BOARD MEMBER	916-257-0216
PAUL LONG, BOARD MEMBER	916-645-8588
GAYLE GARBOLINO-MOJICA, PCOE	530-889-8020
KFBK	916-924-3901
KAHI	530-888-6397
TV 10	916-321-3300
TV 3	916-444-7316
TV 13	916-374-1300
PGE	1 (800) 468-4743

INCIDENT REPORTING AND INITIAL EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In the event of the following:

Stranger on campus

- Notify the office using available systems (cell phone, campus phone #200, radio).
- Provide a description of the individual

Individual with firearm-adult or student

- Never take steps to attempt to disarm the individual!
- Secure students, staff, and volunteers in classrooms
- Lock down room- Keep doors closed and locked at all times
- Notify the office using available systems (cell phone, campus phone #200, radio).
- Account for all children
- Provide a description of the suspect

Attempted kidnapping

- Never take steps to physically thwart a kidnap attempt!
- Secure students, staff, and volunteers in classrooms
- Lock down room-Keep doors closed and locked at all times
- Notify the office using available systems (cell phone, campus phone #200, radio).
- Account for all children
- Provide a description of the suspect

Serious Injury

- Begin First Aid procedures and/or
- Notify the office using available systems (cell phone, campus phone #200, radio).
- Activate the Emergency Monitoring System/call 911
- Send students to neighboring classroom

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- Stay with victim until relieved by paramedic or other qualified individual
- Identify a liaison to direct emergency responders to the scene

Death of student (off campus)

- Minimize initial comment to students until all facts are present
- Contact school office for confirmation
- Respect privacy of the victim's family
- Expect support from district psychological support personnel
- Moderate student discussions using script provided by support personnel
- Notify office if additional support is needed in your classroom or neighboring classroom

Death of student (on campus)

- Remove students from scene by sending them to neighboring classroom
- Designate an individual to secure the scene
- Notify office using available systems or through adult runner
- Activate the Emergency Monitoring System/call 911
- Remain with victim until relieved by administrative personnel, police or paramedic
- Minimize initial comment to students
- Expect support from district psychological support personnel
- If needed moderate student discussion using script provided by support personnel

Death of employee

- Same as above

Fire

- Notify office using fire pull stations or by available systems
- Evacuate the building per procedure
- Call 911 if safe to do so with specific information

Earthquake

- Begin duck, cover and hold process
- Evacuate buildings 1 to 2 minutes after trembling stops
- Expect that the office will feel the trembling and await further information

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Rumors of Trauma, Injury, Accident or Death

- Seek confirmation from school office
- Minimize comments to students until all facts are known
- Moderate student discussions
- Expect support from district psychological support personnel

Altercation between Adults

- Remove students from immediate area. Close classroom blinds
- Notify the office using available systems (cell phone, campus phone #200, radio).
- Notify 911 depending on the seriousness of the situation

Mountain Lion or Other Major Animal Predator

- Commence Return to Building procedures. Close classroom blinds
- Notify the office using available systems (cell phone, campus phone #200, radio).

Violent Student

- Remove students from immediate area of student misbehavior
- Commence restraint procedures if student is attacking others
- Monitor objects that can be thrown
- Notify the office using available systems (cell phone, campus phone #200, radio).

Student Behavior Crisis

- Remove students from immediate area of student misbehavior or
- Remove disruptive student from peers
- Notify the office using available systems (cell phone, campus phone #200, radio).
- Commence procedures outlined in individual student behavior plan if available
- or Rely upon office or designee for next steps

Student Seizure (Medical)

- Be aware of procedures associated with individual
- Clear an area around the student
- Remove students to another area outside the classroom
- Do not restrain
- Contact office
- Activate the Emergency Monitoring System/call 911
- Wait with student
- Debrief- If needed support personnel from site/district will be available

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Bomb Threat/Suspicious Object

- The Principal or designee shall notify the police department. He/she can also make a request of assistance. State clearly where to meet officers.
- Notify the Superintendent
- Make the decision to evacuate the buildings
- Follow Fire Drill procedures
- Avoid publicity concerning the bomb threat. If the news media has been alerted ask for assistance from the District Office.
- NO ONE is permitted to touch, handle, or move the suspicious object.

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EMERGENCY ALERT PROCEDURES

Office ----

- 1 In order to access communication with **all rooms and outside** on campus using the office phone system,
 - A pick up the receiver
 - B press the page button
 - C press “#”
 - D press 110
 - E after hearing the tone on the receiver, begin message

Classrooms ----

- A Dial 200 to access the emergency phone

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FIRE

In the event of a fire:

1. The fire alarm will be activated by personnel at the nearest fire alarm pull station, or

Immediate contact will be made with the school office by the school intercom system. The fire alarm will be activated from the office.

Call 911 if safe to do so with specific details of the fire (add number).
2. Upon hearing the fire alarm, under the supervision of the teacher, students will:
 - a evacuate the classroom
 - b walk to the predetermined location
 - c wait without talking for instruction from the teacher
3. Upon hearing the fire alarm, the teacher will:
 - a secure the emergency bag and emergency list
 - b close and lock all doors and windows to the classroom (time and safety permitting)
 - c escort students from the room
 - d maintain control of students during the evacuation
 - e take roll of students once class has arrived at the pre-determined location
 - f await further direction
4. In the event that the procedure is a drill or the emergency is over, an “all clear” announcement will be broadcast.

EARTHQUAKE

In the event of an earthquake,

1. Verbal announcement may be broadcast over the campus intercom system, or you'll know because you'll feel it.
2. Personnel and students outside the building will move away from any buildings, trees, utility poles, downed power lines or other hazards
3. Personnel in the building will...
 - a drop -- assume a curled position on the floor or field, knees on the ground...
 - b cover -- hands joined behind the neck, beneath a table or student desk if possible, and
 - c hold -- in this position for approximately five minutes or until shaking stops
4. Following the event, the fire alarm may sound. Staff and students will evacuate the building in accordance with fire alarm procedures.
 1. Secure the emergency bag and emergency list
 2. Escort mobile students from the room
 3. Close and lock door
 4. Maintain control of students during the evacuation
 5. take roll of students once class has arrived at the predetermined location
 6. Await further direction
5. No person shall be allowed back into the building for any reason until emergency personnel have thoroughly inspected the facility.
6. In the event that the procedure is a drill, an "all clear" announcement will be broadcast.

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RETURN TO BUILDING

In the event that students must return to their classrooms because of an emergency situation:

1. Verbal announcement will be broadcast over the campus intercom system.
2. Immediately followed by direction from responsible adults on the yard to walk to class.
3. Teachers will meet students at the exterior door and direct them to assume safety position.
4. The exterior door will be locked. The blinds will be closed. (Interior doors must be left closed but unlocked to facilitate movement out of classrooms through common rooms as necessary.)
5. With the teacher standing near the exterior door but out of the line of exterior sight, roll will be taken and all students will be accounted for.
6. Immediately commence "Lock Down" procedures. (See next page.)
7. Classes will remain silent until further direction is broadcast over the school intercom system or until contact is made with the teacher through the school phone system.

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LOCK DOWN

In the event that it becomes necessary to secure the building with the students remaining inside:

1. Verbal announcement will be broadcast over the campus intercom system.
2. The exterior and interior doors to the building will be locked.
 - a. Staff will escort students to the nearest building and secure the door.
3. Blinds will be closed and window in the door covered if safe to do so.
4. Students will move as far away from the window as possible.
5. Teachers will account for all students present on that day, if the status is red, the staff will provide the office with a list of missing or extra students.
6. Teachers will slide a colored card under their door (if possible) to notify personnel status of occupants inside:
 - Green = all students present (*Poss. tape to window*)
 - Red = there are missing students
 - No card = it is not safe to put up the card
7. Teachers in possession of current teacher cell phone lists will be asked to activate said phones. Remind teachers to turn on their cell phones.
8. All personnel will await further notification either through a general broadcast of the school intercom system, through individual telephone, personal contact or by e-mail.
9. In the event that the procedure is a drill or the emergency is over, an “all clear” announcement will be broadcast.

**Substitute Teachers will be contacted by telephone.
Students will be taught not to open the door at any time.**

SHELTER IN PLACE

In the event that it becomes necessary to secure the building with the students remaining inside:

1. Verbal announcement will be broadcast over the campus intercom system.
2. The HVAC system will be shut off.
3. The exterior and interior doors to the building will be locked.
 - a Staff will escort students to the nearest building and secure the door.
4. Teachers will account for all students present on that day. A call will be made via the phone system to each room and the teacher will respond red or green, if red, teacher will provide a list of names of absent or extra students.
5. Teachers will place a colored card in their window to notify personnel status of occupants inside:
 - Green = all students present
 - Red = there are missing students
 - No card = it is not safe to put up the card
6. Teachers in possession of current teacher cell phone lists will be asked to activate said phones. Remind teachers to turn on their cell phones.
7. Teachers and Students will conduct instruction as usual, but will not leave building.
8. All personnel will await further notification either through a general broadcast of the school intercom system, through individual telephone, personal contact or by e-mail.
9. In the event that the procedure is a drill or the emergency is over, an “all clear” announcement will be broadcast.

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STUDENT SIGN OUT SHEET

	STUDENT NAME LAST, FIRST	SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN	DATE	TIME
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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22.	_____	_____	_____	_____

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED SCHOOL OFFICIAL _____

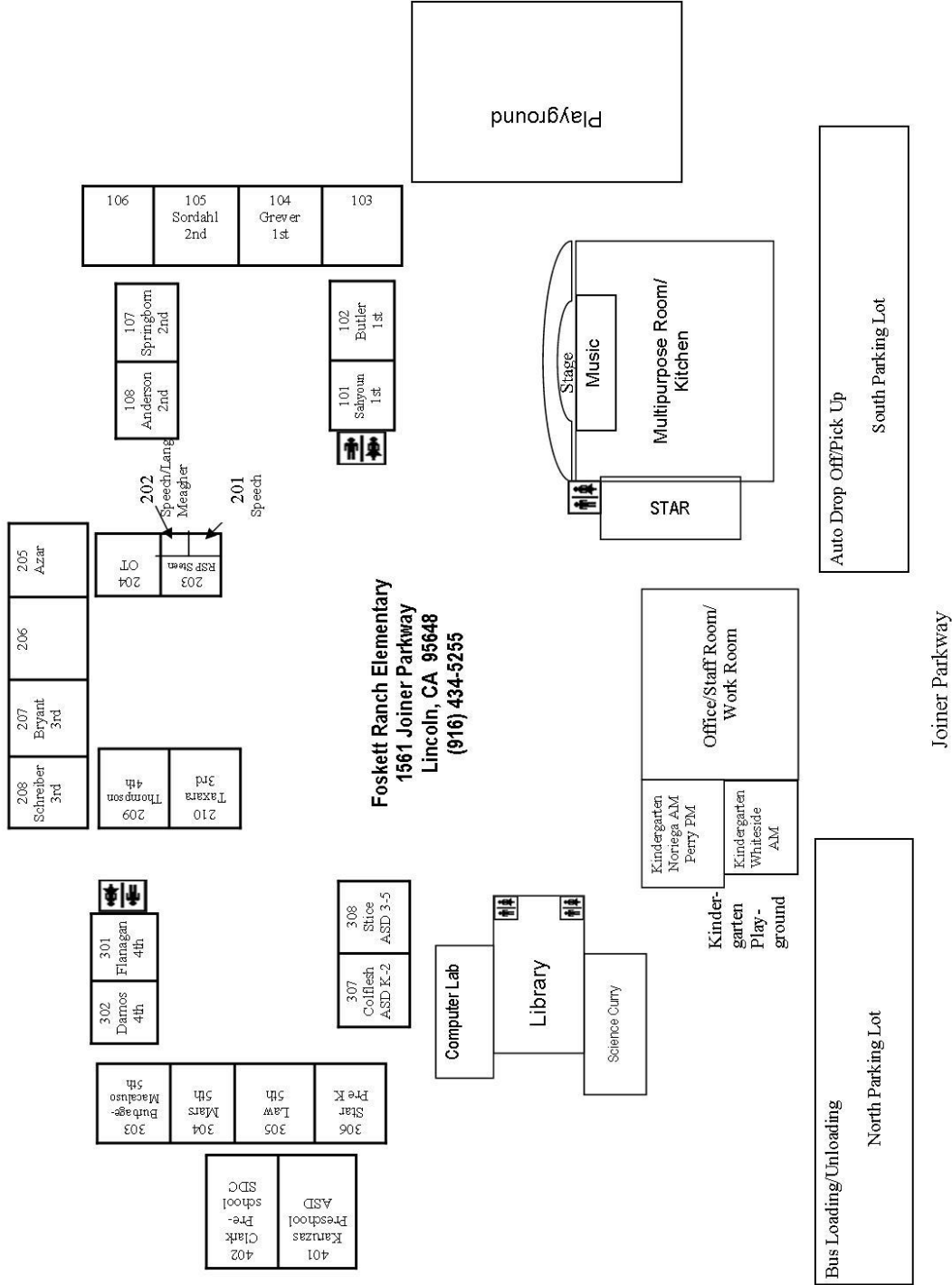
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TIME _____

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Crisis Response - Suicide Immediate Response

(All Bolded/underlined items have a handout or agenda on following pages)

Inform the District Superintendent of the death.

- Superintendent confirms death and cause of death/facts and whether family wants the fact of suicide known
- Superintendent calls appropriate principal(s)

Principal(s) calls and immediate **Initial Crisis Response Team Meeting** to assign responsibilities.

- Crisis Response Team - School Psychologists, School Counselors, Director of Special Ed (if additional support is needed), Community Counseling Resources (as necessary)
 - Principal and CRT Establish a plan to immediately notify affected faculty and staff of the death via the school's crisis alert system (usually phone or e-mail).
 - Principal and CRT determine who the affected individuals are on campus (who needs district/site support in the wake of the suicide - Staff, students, none, which?) (Possible scenarios - suicide of student; suicide of coach; suicide of parent of a student; suicide of graduated or former student, etc.)
 - Principal checks AERIES for family members siblings

Principal schedules an **Initial All-Staff Meeting** as soon as possible (ideally before school starts in the morning).

- Arrange for students to be notified of the death in small groups such as homerooms or advisories (not by overhead announcement or in a large assembly)
- Determine who the friends/family members are on campus
- Determine how to notify/support these students/staff members
- Disseminate **Notification of Suicide to** homeroom teachers, advisors, or others leading groups
- Remind staff that returning to routines is helpful and to maintain as much normalcy in the classroom as possible
- Remind staff that memorials in the case of suicide may trigger contagion and are not appropriate on school site
- Share with staff District procedures re: dealing with media - refer media to District Office
- Set **End-of-Day All Staff Meeting** time and location
 - Principal speaks with District Superintendent and Crisis Response Team Leader throughout the day

Principal notifies affected families.

- Via family letter, email or phone call prior to students leaving for home. Factual information including the individual's name and if a staff member, their position with the district.
- Do not include information regarding the manner of suicide. See Family Notification.

CRT Leader Holds **CRT End-of-Day Debrief!**

- Review day's challenges and successes
- Discuss plans for next day

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- Plan End-of-Day all Staff Meeting
- Plan **Follow-Up Staff Meetings** (if needed)

Whenever there is a CRT intervention, there must be an end-of-day Debrief!

SOME PHENOMENA OF DECISION MAKING UNDER STRESS

1. The greater the stress, the greater the conceptual rigidity of an individual.
2. The greater the conceptual rigidity the more closed to new information the individual becomes.
3. The greater the conceptual rigidity, the greater the tendency to repeat prior responses, to responses, to the exclusion of new alternatives.
4. The greater the stress, the less the ability of the individual to tolerate ambiguity in the environment.
5. Intolerance of ambiguity leads to a response to a stimulus before adequate information is available for the correct response.
6. Under increasing stress, there is a decrease in productive thought and an increase in non-productive thought.
7. The greater the stress, the greater the distortion in perception of the environment.
8. The greater the stress, the greater the amount of risk perceived in the environment.
9. The greater the amount of time spent on a task, the lower the amount of risk perceived in the environment.
10. In a crisis situation, decision makers have difficulty distinguishing between threats to themselves and threats to the organization.
11. The greater the fear, frustration, and hostility aroused by a crisis, the greater the tendency to aggression and escape behaviors.
12. In a crisis situation, negative psychological factors are reinforced.
13. In a stressful situation, the only goals that will be considered are those related to the immediate present, at the sacrifice of longer range considerations.
14. The greater the stress, the greater the tendency to make a premature choice of alternatives before adequate information is available for a correct response.
15. The greater the stress, the greater the likelihood that a decision maker will choose a risky alternative.
16. The greater the time pressure, the poorer or more incorrect the choice of alternatives becomes.
17. Groups experiencing substantive conflict more frequently employ creative alternatives than groups without conflict.
18. Groups experiencing conflict show more effective performance in decision making tasks than groups in little or no conflict.
19. The greater the group conflict aroused by a crisis, the greater the consensus once a decision is reached.
20. In crisis, the number of communications channels available to handle incoming information decreases.
21. In a conflict, there is greater need for effective leadership.
22. The smaller the group, the greater the amount of influence the leader will have.
23. The smaller the group, the greater the amount of consensus that will be achieved through group discussion.
24. The tendency to choose a risky alternative increases with continued participation in a decision making task.
25. The greater the reliance on group problem solving processes, the greater the consideration of alternatives.

Adapted from Crisis Management: Psychological and Sociological Factors in Decision Making, Report to Office of Naval Research, National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, VA, 1975

Preparing to Handle the News Media During a Crisis

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In today's education environment, officials and institutions find themselves on the firing line. The savvy school attorney knows that, more often than not, a crisis means a public relations challenge as well as a legal one. Since counsel is often the first called for help, you have an opportunity to set the stage for how the public and the news media react to the circumstances.

A crisis can take many forms in the school setting. Some – for example, gun violence, hostage situations, demonstrations, natural disasters, chemical contaminations - are “of the moment,” at the school, and a potential threat to lives or safety. Other kinds of crises include real or perceived financial wrongdoing, labor negotiations, and teachers' strikes:

One thing common to the above situations is that the damage inflicted on an organization's reputation is determined more often by its handling of a crisis than by the seriousness or outcome of the crisis itself.

While it's true that an essential vehicle for getting out your message is the news media, preparing to handle the news media is just one aspect of overall crisis communication. It's worth reviewing the “big picture” of crisis communication before getting into specifics of preparing to deal with the news media.

THE BEST PREPARATION - HAVE A PLAN.

Crises unfold quickly. Being prepared and ready to anticipate what you'll need to do will help you immeasurably if and when you face a crisis. A plan boosts your ability to manage the situation and minimize the damage with external audiences. Advance planning also enables you to make sure those within your school understand the tough issues you face and how they affect everyone concerned.

Another good reason for advance planning is that in case of a crisis, you will not waste any time debating process or basic facts or procedures when you should be “out front” managing your message and the issues at hand.

Managing the flow of information may be the single most important thing you do in a crisis. Having a plan in place helps you to do that.

Establish a Crisis Communications Team

The *team* should include appropriate school officials, legal counsel, external counsel where applicable, and selected representatives from constituencies as appropriate and desirable. For example, at times it may be prudent to include law enforcement, teachers, or others depending on the nature of the crisis. One person, if possible, should be designated as the spokesperson to deal with the news media.

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Develop a Crisis Communications Plan

A **plan** outlines important steps that need to be taken by school officials immediately when a crisis hits ... when information must be gathered and distributed quickly and accurately to all who need to know. The plan will minimize the risk of overlooking an important step in the first 24 hours after a crisis hits, when the time frame for making important decisions is a matter of minutes.

Conduct Crisis Media/Message Training Sessions for the Crisis Team

Crisis **training** is an essential component of advance planning. It helps you focus on core messages about the institution – in this case, the school – and builds the teamwork and rapid response mechanism needed should a crisis hit. Such training has two basic elements: what you'll do when a crisis hits, and how you'll explain what you're doing to others.

Review and Update the Plan Periodically

A plan on a shelf does little good. Personnel, governance and operations may change, and an evolving public climate should be reflected in your plan.

CRISIS CHECKLIST: ACTION STEPS

Each crisis will be different; here are some basics for your crisis checklist.

- Assemble the core crisis team according to a predetermined notification list. Contact appropriate legal counsel. Contact appropriate agencies and insurers per. legal counsel.
- Notify families in person, if possible (where applicable).
- Address the needs of victims and their families (where applicable).
- Compile all required/available information to make decisions.
- Be ready to play central role, both on the crisis team and publicly as a leader.
- Contact administrative help.
- Notify employees/others.
- Consider counseling for victims, coworkers, families (where applicable).
- Notify appropriate public officials and community or interest groups.
- Draft a factual statement and distribute it to the full crisis team.
- Review who else needs the information, when, and in what sequence.

If the core crisis team determines that outreach should be made to the news media, this should be done as swiftly as possible. One person on the crisis team should coordinate contact with appropriate reporters and, where warranted, editorial boards to set up interviews or meetings.

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MANAGING THE NEWS MEDIA

Before, during and after a crisis, public perception of your school will in part be shaped by the news media. It is essential that information shared by the spokesperson with the media is as up-to-date and complete as possible.

It's usually a good idea to respond to media inquiries as soon as possible. Delay in responding to media can create the perception that you have something to hide. Or, that you don't know what you're doing.

At the same time, do not rush to deny or accept responsibility. The initial information you have may be incomplete or wrong. Do your own investigating before reaching any conclusions. (In some cases, that could take days, weeks or months.) You do not have to have all the answers right away, despite the news media's aggressive quest for information.

It's best to keep the number of people and supporting materials to a minimum when meeting with members of the news media. The most effective approach is a clear and persuasive argument, backed up with easily understood facts.

Prepare a basic statement for the media. Make sure that it is reviewed by the core crisis team. Stick to the facts and don't speculate or theorize. Make sure your organization's concerns and compassion are reflected in the statement. A preliminary statement is fine; it can buy you valuable time. Determine what else you need (question and answer pieces, list of supporters, third-party quotations, background information, and so on).

As soon as you're ready:

- Contact all appropriate media. In most cases, it's best the news media hear from you first about what's happened.
- Provide news bulletins as the crisis evolves/ unfolds.
- Record the names of arriving reporters at the scene and represented media outlets.
- Provide information to all media outlets and record to whom what information is released.
- Receive phone calls from the news media.
- Determine whether an on-site news conference or briefing is necessary.

It is important to work *with*, rather than against, the new media (they are not the enemy!). This will help prevent the spread of misinformation, as well as demonstrate that school officials are concerned for the safety of students, employees and neighbors. You must assure the public that the school administration is taking all steps possible to remedy any crisis and keep people safe. The media can help you do that. Make it clear to the media that you are providing as much information as you can, as soon as possible. At the same time, of course, the school must balance the public's right to know with legal and privacy~ concerns.

Responding to Negative Stories

Should the news media run a negative story; an *immediate* response should be made in the form of a call to the reporter and/or letter to the editor. In some cases, it's appropriate for the response to come from the most senior official possible. In other cases, you may want to downplay the importance of the story and not have your top spokesperson respond. In any case, stick to the facts and your key messages when formulating your response.

Media Monitoring

Clipping services and radio and television monitoring services can be helpful, should the situation warrant.

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THE ABC OF CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS

Here are a few tips for dealing with the news media that will serve you well in the crisis environment. Thinking about these in advance and making sure your crisis team does the same is good preparation in itself.

The As

- **Anticipation**

Before talking to the media, anticipate likely questions and have answers ready be aware of gaps in information, and know where you're most vulnerable to media scrutiny Know your history with individual media organizations or reporters.

- **Agenda**

Prepare an agenda of points *you* want to make during an interview Even though there is a tendency in a crisis situation to simply react to media questions, there are still messages you want to communicate about the situation and how you are handling it. Identify three or four major message points and make sure they are repeatedly stated during the interview.

- **Accessibility**

Be accessible to the news media. Many crisis situations call for having the most senior executives do the media interviews. This conveys that you are taking the crisis seriously. Respond to reporters as quickly as possible, even if only to field a question that you will have to research. You do not want the media to say school officials were unavailable for comment.

The Bs

- **Brevity**

Comments should be concise, informative and relative to the subject of the inquiry when you start to ramble and move from the subject of the question, you may stray into dangerous or off-point topics.

- **B.S.**

Do not "b.s." the media. You will damage your credibility if you come across as insincere, or even worse, arrogant. Do not gloss over or minimize problems. If you do not know the answer to a question, say so, and let the reporter know that you will do your best to find out the answer as quickly as possible. Also, avoid the phrase "no comment" when at all possible. In some cases, you may not be able to comment publicly, but try to find a better way to describe your inability to comment. Say something like, "We're still doing our own internal investigation and will have more to tell you later" or "Negotiations are at a very sensitive stage, and it could be harmful if we commented right now"

Take control of the situation quickly Assemble the core crisis team immediately and make it clear to the media that you are getting control of the situation as best you can –that you are not just "letting things happen."

- **Bad News**

Get out the bad news yourself –do it quickly, and get it over with and behind you. The worst thing you can do is prolong a crisis by stalling so that it drips out like a leaky faucet. Stalling or offering only fragments of the story will create an information gap. That gap will be filled by speculation, or even worse, by misleading or incorrect information from unfriendly sources. Frame the bad news in your own context. This allows you to explain what happened from your perspective. 'Getting the bad news out quickly yourself will also win you points for candor and credibility? With the news media and general public.

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The Cs

- **Consistency**

Consistency of message is always important, but it is critical in a crisis. Provide information that is as accurate and up-to-date as possible. Your credibility is already on the line because of the crisis; do not add to your problems by having to go back and correct misinformation. Keep information centralized and make sure the spokesperson is well-briefed by the crisis team before fielding questions.

- **Concern**

While you will understandably be concerned about the school's reputation, your primary concern must be for the people affected by the crisis – the students and their families, the injured, teachers and other employees, whatever the case may be. That concern must come across in your communications with the news media. Do *not*, however, take responsibility for the crisis.

HANDLING UNEXPECTED MEDIA

It is important to be prepared for the media if they call or arrive at the school site. However, should media call or arrive unexpectedly, follow your communications plan to alleviate confusion and avoid the spread of misinformation.

Since schools do not necessarily have a centralized receptionist, it is extremely important that all employees be notified of the situation and instructed *not to answer any questions*, and to forward all media inquiries to a designated contact on the core crisis team and/or the designated spokesperson.

If media or others unexpectedly arrive at the school scene, these guidelines should be followed by the person at the site:

- Do not give out *any* information, no matter how “harmless” it may seem.
- Politely tell the reporter that because of safety measures (or whatever is credible and appropriate to the situation), he/she should wait outside while someone is located to help him/her.
- Another employee should make sure the reporter stays outside.
- Locate the crisis team leader immediately, and if a different person, the spokesperson.
- Escort the reporter to the conference room or other holding area.

LOGISTICS: ORGANIZING A MEDIA INFORMATION CENTER

In a severe emergency, or when a situation draws intense media scrutiny, you may want to set up a media information center to ease communication and manage your message.

The following should be available in the media information center during emergencies or situations that draw intense interest:

- Telephone lines for outgoing calls
- Two cellular phones (in case of power problem)
- Word processor, paper and white-out
- FAX machine
- Photocopying machine
- General media information kit about the school
- Copies of the news release pertaining to the crisis
- Large map of site for briefing
- Smaller, individual maps of the site for media

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- Poster board, black markers, duct tape and scissors
- Radio(s)
- Television(s)
- VCR
- Radios (walkie-talkies)
- Pagers for key personnel
- Notepads, pens and stapler
- Coffee-other refreshments
- Ashtrays
- Administrative assistance
- Small generator in case of power failure

THE AFTERMATH OF A CRISIS: PITFALLS AND OPPORTUNITIES

While the initial burst of activity may subside over the course of hours or days, the aftermath of a crisis can be a dangerous time. It's easy to sigh with relief that the worst is over. Don't fall prey to this temptation; sustain the momentum of interest and use it as a chance to get out positive messages and stories if you can. For example, think about visiting editorial boards, taking out an advertisement in the newspaper, showcasing letters from third-party supporters, reaffirming the schools commitment to quality, safety and performance, and so on.

Keep in mind, too, that separate from the crisis you have just been through, the school may have upcoming plans that will be affected. Reassess your public relations and community relations efforts to make sure they "fit" given what's just happened.

Finally, you may want to plan substantive activities that will help to reestablish your school administration's reputation and leadership in the community

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Component One – People and Programs

Goal #1: All students, including sub group populations, will demonstrate proficiency towards state standards.

Objectives:

- Foskett Ranch Elementary School will meet the reading and math goals set in the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA).
- English Language Learners will advance one proficiency level a year on the CELDT until redesignation as Fluent English Proficient (FEP).
- Identified special education students will meet IEP goals that are aligned with grade level standards.
- All Sub groups will meet established targets.

Goal #2: Instruction will be aligned to standards, based on student consistent assessment data and geared towards meeting the needs of all sub groups.

Objectives:

- Staff will analyze student data to plan instruction as measured by meeting agendas and minutes, lesson plans, and principal walk through observations.
- Collaborative meetings between support personnel, administration and grade level teams will focus on student performance (students below standards, meeting standards and exceeding standards) to plan and implement strategies/techniques/intervention to support all students as measured by collaborative meeting agendas, minutes and implementation of collaborative meeting action plans.
- Grade level and individual goals will align with school goals that are based on assessment data and geared towards student achievement towards district standards.
- Instruction will be differentiated to include activities to meet the needs of all subgroups in the classroom as well as the learning center.

Goal #3: Foskett Ranch students will feel emotionally and physically safe at school.

Objectives:

- Staff will consistently implement a school behavior plan that focuses on the three main expectations (BEST Behavior Plan) as well as consequences to choices and procedures to every area of campus.
- Students will feel connected to school via development of positive relationships with other students and adults as measured by student surveys.
- Students will indicate they feel safe on the playground as measured by student surveys.

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Student Support and Intervention Opportunities:

Goal One:

Students will meet or exceed grade level standards. Intervention plans, including programs to support students academically, will be developed for students not meeting grade level standards.

Student Study Team (SST) is available for students that are having difficulty academically, behaviorally.

EL students (English Learners) are supported for English Language Development, core curriculum acquisition and cultural integration. English Learners are placed with teachers that have a specialized certificate or credential (CLAD, BLCAD, SDAIE) and receive instruction that is differentiated.

Special Education students receive intervention according to their Individual Education Plan (IEP) goals. Foskett Ranch currently operates two programs – Resource Specialist Program (RSP), and Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) classes.

An after school homework program is offered for students in grades 3-5 for that need extra academic support.

Special Education Students have the opportunity to participate in the Western Placer Unified School District's extended school year program as outlined in their Individualized Education Plans (IEP).

Identified gifted and talented students have the option of attending the GATE program at First Street School or attending a general education classroom at Foskett Ranch and addressing needs through an individualized plan. Students meeting and exceeding grade level standards will be challenged by higher level thinking activities and the Accelerated Reading Program.

Children's System of Care - The goal of the program is to maximize the use of school resources for early intervention to ultimately alleviate the need for more "deep end" services later on.

The Bucket Filler philosophy that teaches students at all grade levels to make positive choices and to deal with others that make negative choices.

Study Buddies and Peer Tutors are arranged by pairing upper grade classes with primary classes to provide peer tutoring and assistance.

The Assistance League of Greater Placer provides supplies such as dictionaries, backpacks, sweatshirts, shoes, jeans, and hygiene kits to students in need. They also offer anti-bullying programs.

Suicide prevention training is offered to support staff through Western Placer Unified School District and the Placer County Office of Education.

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Goal 2

An occupational therapist works with the teachers of Special Education students who have sensory integration and fine motor difficulties that prevent them from being successful in class.

Staff reviews the school behavior plan that awards student making appropriate choices and gives consequences to students making inappropriate choices. The behavior plan is reviewed every other year and is a “living” document.

The classroom teacher and/or principal, encouraging students to make appropriate choices, will create an individual student behavior plans when necessary.

Achievement, citizenship and attendance certificates and other recognition certificates are given out at the end of each trimester.

Goal 3

Support Systems are coordinated with county and other agencies to provide child services as needed (Access, S.M.A.R.T., Lighthouse Center, Public Health Issues, Parenting Classes, Support Groups, SARB (School Attendance Review Board), and site programs such as Positive Action, positive incentives (Bucket Filler tickets and certificates) and character education programs.

Educational programs are implemented to focus on specific health issues, such as nutrition, alcohol and other drug prevention, anti-bullying, stranger awareness, family life (as grade appropriate).

Free and reduced breakfast and lunch programs are available for qualifying students.

The school will coordinate with mental health and alternate placement programs to assist that students who have difficulty adjusting in regular education program receive appropriate education services.

Foskett Ranch participates with the district in providing health services such as vision and hearing screening at selected grade levels or as referred.

Students experiencing difficulties may be referred to the Student Success Team to explore intervention options.

The Lighthouse Center, located at 427 A St. #400, Lincoln, CA 95648, 916-645-3300, offers counseling services for at risk students.

Following the Education Code Section 3529.2 and Penal Code Section 11164, Foskett Ranch Elementary School has a Child Abuse Reporting Procedure in place.

Local law enforcement and community agencies will make presentations on child safety issues.

A District nurse is on campus once per week and is available during emergencies or when needed. The nurse, principal and psychologist coordinate with community services for prevention and intervention programs for students and their families.

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Component Two: The Physical Environment (Place)

Foskett Ranch School is located in the Western Placer Unified School District. Its physical location is in North Lincoln, in a once rural area that is experiencing growth of residential and commercial developments.

Goal One: All students will have safe ingress and egress during the daily school routine or during a crisis situation.

Objectives:

- Parents are directed for safe and orderly traffic flow for drop off and pick up through information in the student/parent handbook, first day packets, through the school newsletter and during parent meetings. Frequency of parent communication will be monitored as needs and issues are assessed.
- The school administrator works with the City of Lincoln and Lincoln Police Department to establish safe routes to school and to ensure that traffic safety is monitored. Frequency of law enforcement involvement will be assessed by traffic flow incidents, parent and staff input.
- The school administrator will work with district personnel to install appropriate painted curbs, crossings and roadways to ensure student safety.
- Procedures are in place for emergency evacuation from the campus. Procedures will be assessed by local fire and law enforcement agencies.
- A Crisis Management Team and strategies are in place in an emergency situation.
- Emergency kits will be checked regularly and updated as needed.
- Drills are held monthly and assessed by the principal and office staff.

Goal Two: The Foskett Ranch campus is a secure and safe environment.

Objectives:

- The campus is closed. Visitors must sign in and receive a visitor's pass before they can be on campus. Students must be signed out before they can leave the campus. Staff and office personnel monitor and assess this procedure.
- Students are not released to anyone not listed on their emergency card or designated by their parent or guardian. The principal and office staff monitor this objective.
- Adequate lighting is in place to ensure safety on the campus at night. The principal and night custodian make night checks to ensure all hallways have adequate lighting.
- Lock-down and evacuation procedures are in place. Office staff and principal assess the procedures during lock-down drills. A cadre of staff will participate in training as available and will train the remainder of the staff.
- Main entry and exit points are monitored. Staff is visible and continually assess the ingress and egress of students and visitors.
- Staff members wear picture ID badges.
- There is adequate supervision during recesses and high traffic areas as assessed by parent, staff and student surveys and office referrals.
- A Security system is in place and the custodians, principal and District maintenance crew monitors its use.
- Security cameras are installed to assist in monitoring the campus.

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Student Support:

Safe ingress and egress of pupils, parents and school employees to and from school is important at Foskett Ranch. There is constant communication to parents on the safe ingress and egress procedures.

Safe drop off and pick up of students is a priority. Drivers are advised to exercise good judgment and extreme caution particularly during the peak hours of 7:45am to 8:15am and 2:20pm to 2:50pm.

Foskett Ranch School works with Western Placer Unified School District Transportation to maintain safe and orderly bus transportation for students. Inappropriate behavior is dealt with immediately. Bus drivers are well trained and safety conscious. School staff supervises loading and unloading the bus and the exiting of school.

Teachers and staff monitor the loading/unloading of cars and student arrival/departures before and after school.

The campus perimeter is secure from criminal activity. The campus is closed and access signs are displayed prominently at entry points. All visitors must check in at the office and wear visitor badges. Foskett Ranch adheres to the Western Placer Unified School District's Policies on School Safety. Staff is trained to direct unidentified persons to the main office.

The classroom doors lock (using key) from the inside to allow teachers to secure their classrooms without having to step outside.

The school playground is gated and limits vehicle access to school grounds.

There is adequate staff supervision when students are on playground. Staff is on duty as students leave campus. Teachers monitor the hallways. Loitering and trespassing by older students is not allowed.

Crisis Response Bags are in place. Current phone numbers are kept in the emergency bag to be used in case of student and staff evacuation.

Places for loitering are limited. Hallways, restrooms and other potential trouble areas are monitored and supervised. Appropriate lighting has been installed for lighting of darkened areas.

Physical conditions that could lead to accidental harm are corrected. District safety inspections, made by the school safety committee, are conducted several times a year. The inspections include a tour of the school site checking for safety hazards.

The school policy dealing with vandalism includes procedures for painting over graffiti and making repairs before students arrive on campus. Families may be held liable for financial restitution for graffiti, vandalism and damage to school property. Broken windows will be replaced immediately.

School buildings and classrooms are well maintained and free of physical hazards. They are designed for student safety, security and to prevent criminal activities.

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Playground safety rules help to prevent falls from recreational equipment and landscape designs prevent students from climbing to dangerous heights. Rules on orderly walking in hallways are enforced. Maintenance personnel continue to monitor slippery walkways on rainy or icy day

Emergency exit plans are posted in every classroom. Teachers discuss and review the emergency plans with students. Monthly evacuation drills are practiced following requirements of the Lincoln Fire Department. Earthquake drills are practiced four times per year. Emergency procedure drills are practiced semi-annually.

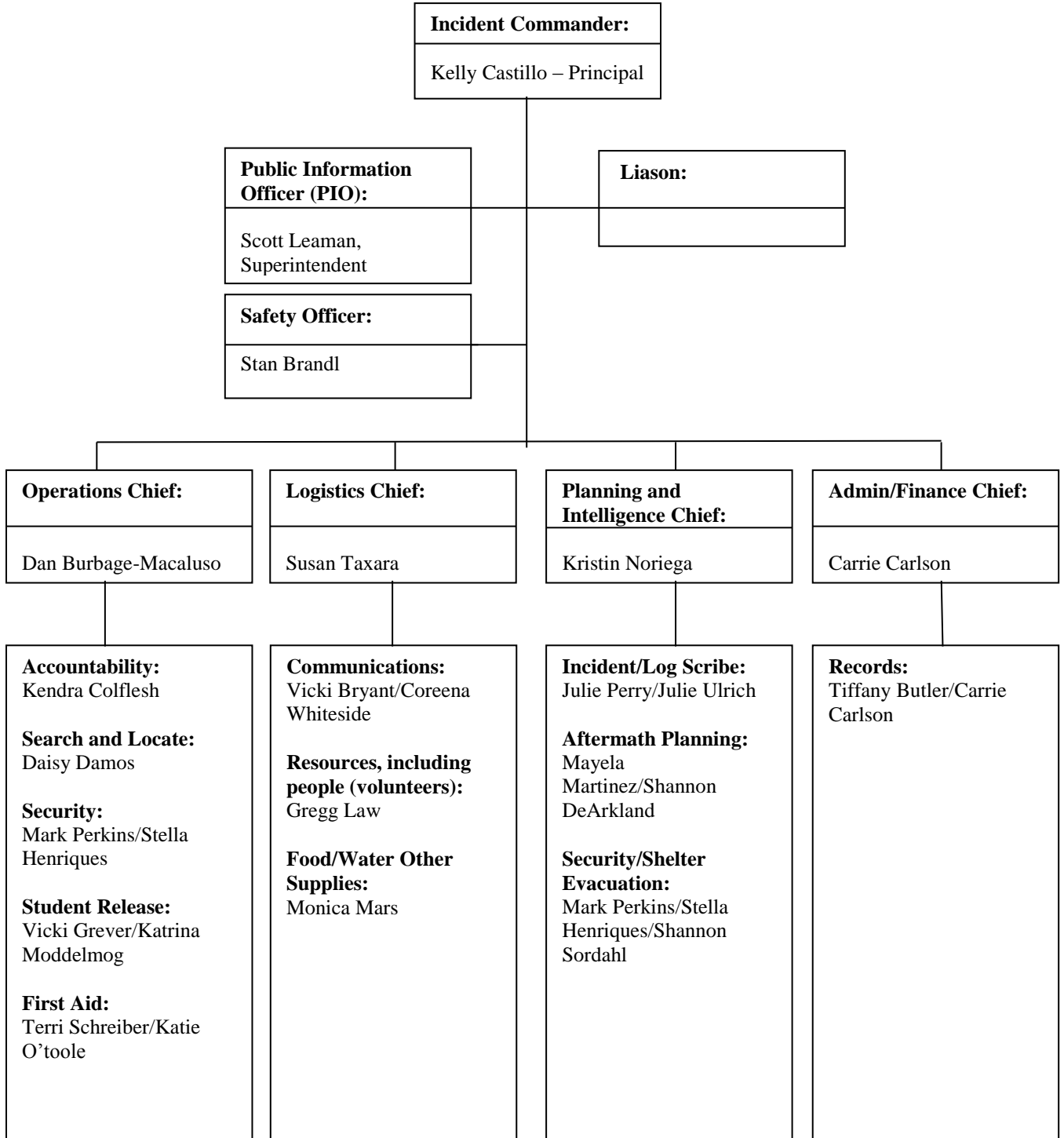
Procedures are in place for student evacuation in alignment with local law enforcement. Procedures are in place for a Sheltering In-Place if a chemical is spilled near the location of the school. Procedures for evacuation to the soccer field are in place for a gas leak or bomb scare. Procedures are in place for evacuation to an alternate site if necessary.

Should a bomb threat be received, the principal or the designee shall: Notify the police of intended actions. The principal or designee may request assistance. If assistance is requested the principal will state clearly where the law enforcement officials may meet him/her upon arrival on campus. The principal will also notify the superintendent. The decision to evacuate whole school (fire drill) or on an individual room by room basis will be determined. Staff will avoid any publicity concerning the bomb threat. If the "bomb threat" caller has alerted the news media, the district office will supply assistance for the principal in working with the press.

All persons will be given clear direction to not disturb any suspicious objects/packages.

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Foskett Ranch School
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DEFINITIONS

Incident Commander

- Manages the crisis situation. Usually does not respond directly to the scene.
- Establishes and maintains the command center away from the scene.
- Delegates responsibilities and follows up.
- Coordinates with community responders (fire, law enforcement, etc)

Operations Section

- Operations section is responsible for “doing” or dealing directly with the students, staff, and parents during the crisis situation.
- Operations Chief. Is responsible for the entire section. Reports to the Incident Commander.
- Team leaders in operations report to the Operations Chief.
- Operations Teams for schools may include: Student/staff accountability; student release; search and located; assembly or shelter; first aid; security
- Accountability team; responsible for knowing the status of everyone on campus. Checks red and green cards, visitor log, etc.
- Student release team: responsible for parent/student reunification. Requires someone with authority, workers who are assertive. Communication with accountability team essential.
- Search and locate team: responsible for “sweeping” restrooms, break rooms, hallways, etc.
- Assembly or shelter team: Maintains the safety, security, supervision of students. May include temporary shelter, water, rest rooms, etc. If evacuating campus, coordinates evacuation site, transportation. Works closely with Student Release and Accountability Teams.
- First aide Team: provides immediate aid until responders arrive. Responsible for patient tracking, accompanying student(s) to hospital if necessary.

Logistics Section

- Logistics section is responsible for “getting: or obtaining anything the Incident Management Team needs.
- Logistics Chief: is responsible for the entire section. Reports to the Incident Commander.
- Team Leaders in Logistics report to the Logistics Chief.
- Logistics Teams for schools may include: Communication; volunteers; transportation; supplies.
- Communication Team: Responsible for communication and information flow during the crisis. Includes radio, phones, messengers, any method of distributing information.
- Volunteer Team: Responsible for obtaining, managing and assigning school, district, parent, other volunteers.
- Transportation Team: Responsible for obtaining any needed transportation including buses or other alternatives.
- Supplies Team: Responsible for obtaining any supplies that may be needed. Works closely with district and community responders.

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Planning/Intelligence

- Responsible for collection and evaluation of information. Provides an ongoing analysis of the situation and status of resources.

Administration/Finance Section

- Responsible for the official records of the event. Tracks time and money spent. Prepares reports, etc.

Incident Log Scribe

- One of the most important functions.
- Stays close to the Incident Commander and provides a written summary of all communication
- Goes every place the Incident Commander goes and records times, directives, summaries of incoming and outgoing communications.

Public Information Officer (PIO)

- Responsible for handling the media. Establishes a media center and provides information.
- May or may not be the actual spokesperson.
- Arranges interviews for the spokesperson.
- Prepares news releases with approval.

Liaison

- Directs the initial community responders to the scene.
- Links the school Incident Commander with the responding agencies Incident Commanders.
- Is either in the school command post or the responding agencies command post.
- May not be used in a unified command.
- Links with other community agencies as needed (Red Cross, OES, etc.)

Safety Officer

- Responsible for the physical and emotional needs of the responders.
- Makes sure all activities are performed in a safe way.
- Ensures adequate breaks and support for the responders.

Aftermath

- Debrief
- Return to “normal”
- Focus on people
- It’s okay to talk about it
- Parent/community meetings
- Don’t forget your staff
- Anniversaries
- Anticipate other future problem areas
- Second Debrief – 3-5 days post incident

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**STAFF MEETING
FOR DEBRIEFING**

As soon as any crisis has passed, the principal or designee will call a staff meeting to debrief all individuals on the crisis including the nature of the crisis, those events leading up to the crisis, any details regarding the condition of the campus or individuals involved in the crisis and any services, psychological or medical, offered to victims of the crisis, associates of the victims and / or staff.

It will be critical to respect the privacy of all individuals involved in any crisis and the need to do such will restrict the amount of communication available to staff immediately following the event.

All staff should make themselves available for this meeting. Staff members not directly involved in the situation should avail themselves of the opportunity to participate in the meeting in order to be well informed about what has happened and to arrest any misinformation or rumor that may be circulating regarding the incident.

Within one week after the incident, it may be necessary to convene another meeting of staff to review the incident and the procedures associated with the incident to ensure:

1. All procedures were handled in accordance with the plan,
2. Any necessary revisions evident because of the incident are included in the plan.

The site principal, designee, incident commander, other administrator or other qualified personnel such as the area chaplain or the school psychologist will be available to follow up as necessary with individual staff members or students.

Staff members may be admonished to protect the privacy of any individuals involved in a crisis situation by maintaining a high degree of confidentiality.

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