

School Security Update

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Why We Are Here: Mass Shooting Incidents

110 people have died in 9 mass shooting incidents resulting in the death of 4 or more people connected to U.S. schools (K-12) from 1999's Columbine's shooting to 2022 Uvalde's shooting:

- Columbine High School, Littleton, CO, April 1999, 13 dead
- Red Lake High School, Red Lake, MN, March 2005, 9 dead
- West Nickel Mines Amish School, Lancaster, PA, October 2006, 5 dead
- Sandy Hook Elementary School, Newtown, CT, December 2012, 27 dead
- Marysville-Pilchuck High School, Marysville, WA, October 2014, 4 dead
- Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Parkland, FL, February 2018, 17 dead
- Santa Fe High School, Santa Fe, TX, May 2018, 10 dead
- Oxford High School, Oxford, MI, November 2021, 4 dead
- Robb Elementary School, Uvalde, TX, May 2022, 21 dead

Texas Governor to TEA

On June 2, 2022, Governor Abbott specifically requested Commissioner Mike Morath directing the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to:

- Instruct school districts to identify actions they can take prior to the start of the new school year that will make their campuses more secure
- Instruct all school districts to conduct weekly inspections of exterior doors to verify they are secure during school hours
- Develop strategies to encourage school districts to increase the presence of trained law enforcement officers and school marshals on campuses

KPD Preparedness & Training

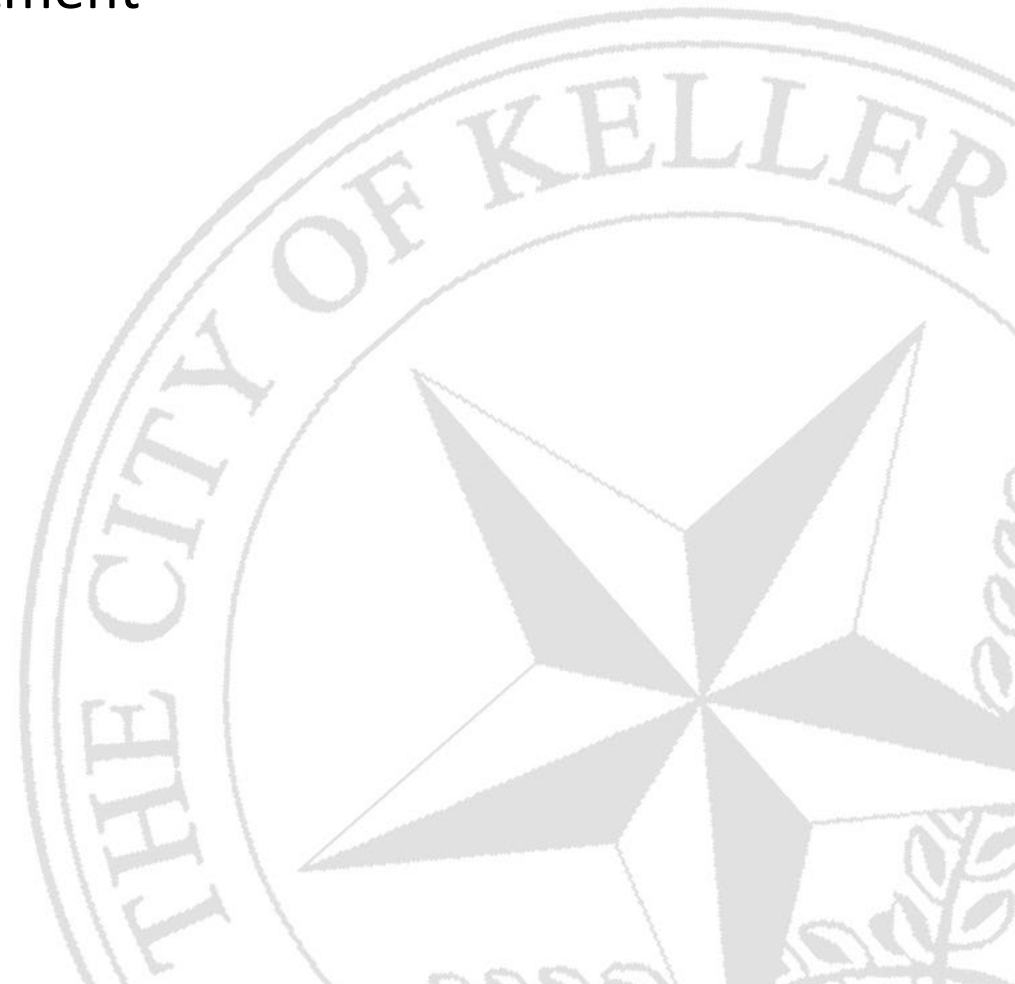
- Rapid response training by all sworn (hands-on and scenario-based training)
- Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) through Texas State University, in partnership with the FBI and the DOJ's Bureau of Justice Assistance
 - (ALERRT) training & conference
 - Basic, fundamental tactics per officer to full-scale response w/Fire Department (varies each year)
 - Stop the Bleed (bi-annually, sometimes more frequent)
 - Self-Aid Buddy Aid training (bi-annually, sometimes more frequent)
- Rapid Response Policy training to all sworn and communications personnel
- Emergency Operations and Incident Command Training
- Patrol Response Time to Priority 1 Call: (Goal <4 min) 3:16 (2021 - Drive Time)

KPD Initiatives

- School Campus Patrol Program (Vehicle and Foot)
- Communication between Patrol, Traffic, SROs & VIPS to ensure presence
- ALERRT Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) training to KISD employees (all teachers) and students (middle school and up)
- School Zone Visibility (Patrol and Traffic)
- Access to master keys, cards and floorplans to all schools
- Equipment:
 - Patrol Rifles
 - Rifle Plates
 - Vehicle Medical Kits: Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (tourniquets, quick clot, chest seals, gauze, basic trauma care, etc.)
 - Tourniquets per officer

Additional KPD Training

- Rescue/Task Force (RTF) training with Fire Department
- Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)
- Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)
- Mental Health Peace Officer Course
- De-Escalation Training
- Autism Safety 101
- CPR/AED Training
- SWAT Training (bi-monthly)
- Hostage Negotiator Training (quarterly)
- HAZMAT Training (bi-annual)



KPD School Resource Officers (SROs)

Three (3) SROs assigned to Keller High School, Keller Center for Advanced Learning and coordinate with patrol & traffic to respond to the learning center, middle schools (2), intermediate (1) and elementary schools (5) (School Campus Patrol Program)

Training:

- National/Texas Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO/TASRO) training certified: Basic & Advanced
- School Based Law Enforcement (SBLE) active shooter training through Texas State University
 - Introductory, Intermediary, Advanced and Master
 - Behavioral and Digital Threat Assessments
- Assists w/Standard Response Protocol (SRP)/Standard Reunification Method (SRM) training and drills (Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, Shelter) with each school

KPD School Resource Officers (SROs)

Law Enforcement Functions:

Completing offense reports, follow-up investigations/interviews, making arrests/issuing citations and criminal trespass warnings, conducting searches for weapons/contraband, deterring assaults/fights, advising on traffic safety issues and crime prevention measures, collecting/processing evidence, acting as security presence to prevent/respond to rapid response incidents, and coordinating the Campus Crime Stopper Program

Counseling and Mentoring Functions:

- Providing personal counseling to students, participating in parent conferences, providing drug/alcohol referrals

Teaching Functions:

- Traffic safety and personal safety

NETCOM Dispatch Training & Preparedness

- Annual Training: De-Escalation, Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD), **Text to 911**
- Northeast Fire Department Association (NEFDA) – Mutual aid training, including mass casualty resources
- Active Shooter for Telecommunicators
- Tactical Dispatch – specifically trained dispatchers
- Crisis Communications
- Agency Rapid Response Training – Dispatchers assist partner agencies with their training
- Policy Training: Rapid Response, Critical Incidents, All Hazards Plan, Continuity of Operations Plan, Incident Command, Mental Health Response and Mental Health Encounters – Annually

KISD Safety & Security

- Safest School District in Texas – 2019; second in 2021
- KISD Campuses: Keller, Fort Worth, Southlake, Watauga, Colleyville
- Each high school: Two (2) security specialists (security guards) Daily patrols, crime prevention and maintaining a secure campus
- Each middle school: One (1) security specialist
- Elementary and intermediate schools: Mobile team of five (5) security specialists:
 - Responding to incidents at any school (missing students, threat situations, alarms)
- Contracts K9 service: Detection of drugs, bombs, and weapons
- SB-11 – Threat Assessments

KISD Safety & Security

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Initiatives:

- Access Control/Door Intercom
- Camera/Video Management System
- Alertus Mass Notification System
- Secure Vestibule Entry/Raptor Kiosk
 - 3M Window Film
- Nightlock Lockdown Systems (Interior)
- Magnetic Window Covers
- Mitigates/delays entry to provide time for PD response

Website:

- <https://www.kellerisd.net/safety>

Balance the Risk

- The pain caused by these high-profile tragedies is immense and wide-ranging. We should continue to prepare and encourage vigilance so that students and teachers might help to avert a tragedy when observing signs suggesting an impending attack.
- Since 2010, there have been 19 in-school shootings with at least one student fatality. (There are about 130,000 K-12 schools nationwide.)
- Investment in teachers, guidance counselors and school psychologists can help millions of school children, including the few who might come to school armed with an intent to kill.

Research – School, Police, & Community

We've Known How To Prevent A School Shooting for More Than 20 Years (2018/22) - Maggie Koerth

- *“While these teens were deeply troubled, that’s not quite the same thing as saying that those who commit school shootings are just irredeemably mentally ill. Nor does it mean those young people suddenly snapped, giving no warning, most attackers had discussed their plans with other people.”* – James Garbarino, professor of psychology at Loyola University Chicago (specializes in teen violence)
- *“It takes time for a person who is drowning in self-pity and anger to decide their misery is someone else’s fault, to dehumanize those other people to the point of being able to kill them and to isolate themselves from any reality checks that could break through these dangerous thought patterns.”* – Mary Ellen O’Toole, former FBI profiler & Marisa Randazzo, chief psychologist for the Secret Service

Summary

- No single effort is 100% effective in prevention: **See Something, Say Something**
- KISD & KPD are in consistent communication:
 - Identify areas we can improve (security, facilities, policies, training, drills, etc.)
 - Continue to prepare our staff, students, & first responders
- Various initiatives beyond our control affect the overall safety and prevention
 - Mental Health, Funding, Legislation (background checks, age, etc.)
 - Community Partnerships, Family, Friends
- **FBI:** <https://www.fbi.gov/about/partnerships/office-of-partner-engagement/active-shooter-resources>
- **Center for Homeland Defense and Security:** <https://www.chds.us/ssdb/>
- Threat assessments/Intervention: <https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/weve-known-how-to-prevent-a-school-shooting-for-more-than-20-years/>



Questions?

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