

WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS

SAFETY PRESENTATION

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Introduction

There have been shootings at U.S. schools almost every year since 1966, but in 2021 there were a record 250 shooting incidents – including any occurrence of a firearm being discharged, be it related to suicides, accidental shootings, gang-related violence or incidents at after-hours school events.

With more than two months left, 2022 is already the worst year on record. As of Oct. 24, there have been 257 shootings on school campuses – passing the 250 total for all of 2021.

Shooting events at schools increase in recent years

Since 2010, the number of incidents with guns being displayed or fired, or bullets hitting school property, has increased steadily, with significant increases in 2018 and again in 2021.



This data includes all events when a gun is brandished or is fired, or a bullet hits school property for any reason, regardless of the number of victims, time or day of the week.

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Emergency Operations Plan

Personal Introduction

1. **Purpose** - Identify and respond to incidents by outlining the responsibilities and duties of Whiteford Schools and its employees.
 - a. The plan educates students/staff, and other key stakeholders on their roles and responsibilities before, during, and after an incident.
 - b. The plan also provides parents/guardians, etc., and other members of the community with assurances that Whiteford Schools has established guidelines and procedures to respond to incidents/hazards in an effective way.
2. **Scope** - EOP outlines the expectations of the faculty/staff, the roles and responsibilities, direction and control systems, internal and external communications plan, training and sustainability plans, and authority and references as defined by local, tribal, state, and federal government mandates. It also outlines common and specialized procedures as well as specific hazard vulnerabilities and response/recovery.
3. **Revised** - The EOP was recently updated during the month of October and will continually be revised and updated after completion of Safety Assessment.

Safety Emergency Protocols

The Whiteford Agricultural School District considers the safety of students and staff the highest priority and has developed crisis plans and procedures for our schools. Although we hope we will never need to activate these procedures, we conduct drills and training annually. Our drills are communicated to staff and students in advance, so they are aware that it is only a drill and not a real emergency.

[Safety Emergency Protocols](#)

[Safety Drills \(Website Documentation\)](#)

Documentation of completed school safety drills must be posted on our website within 30 days after each drill is completed and maintained for at least three (3) years.

Required Emergency Drills

Required 5 fire drills a year with 3 before 12/1.

Required 2 tornado drills a year with 1 in month of March.

Required 3 safety drills a year with 1 before 12/1 and one after 1/1.

SRO Visibility / Monitoring

As the SRO, I have been making myself visible to students and staff members.

1. During the morning drop off, I assist staff members by manning the crosswalk in front of the Elementary School and ensuring safety in the parking lot.
2. During release, I have been in the parking lot between the MS/HS and Elementary School ensuring safety of students and facilitating smooth flow of traffic. I also stop all traffic on Sylvania Petersburg Rd to safely assist the buses in exiting the parking lot.
3. During Lunch times, Ken Groch and I are in the lunchroom for all three lunches.
4. During passing time, when students are in the hallways I walk the halls to ensure visibility.

MONITORING:

1. We currently have 12 Cameras (11 MS/HS , 1 Elementary) on the exterior of the buildings facing various directions. When I arrive in the morning, I open the video surveillance program and monitor the cameras throughout the day.

MCISD First Responders Mtg

On 10-17-22, I attended a school safety meeting at the MCISD which introduced topics including EOPs, School Security Assessments, Safety Grants, and introductions of the Mental Health Team at the ISD.

In attendance was Administrators from school districts around Monroe County, Members from Monroe County Community Mental Health and Monroe County ISD as well as Members from the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

Next Meeting is 1-16-23.

Cyber Security Mtg

On October 27 and 28, I attended training Identifying and Intercepting School Violence Through Cyber Investigation taught by retired Detective Richard Wistocki. Retired Detective Richard Wistocki is a 30 year veteran in Law Enforcement who specialized in Cyber Crimes in Naperville IL. Det. Wistocki also created the Will County Illinois States Attorney's High Technology Crimes Unit that made over 90 sexual predator arrests in its first 3 ½ years. Det Wistocki also is also a member of the ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force) which is a national network of 61 coordinated task forces, representing over 5,400 federal, state, and local law enforcement, dedicated to investigating, prosecuting and developing effective responses to internet crimes against children.

Why it is important NOT to disregard information given to LEO or school officials.

- What the term "Leakage" means and how we can interpret the information.
- Learn free and open source online investigative tools.
- Learn to identify and collect cyber evidence to identify suspects
- Learn the three-step process in investigating internet crimes. (Preservation / Search Warrant 1 / Search Warrant 2)
- Learn the importance of Preservation, Exigent Circumstances and Search Warrants
- Learn how to obtain IP's, screen names, screen captures, and email headers
- State laws: Terrorist Threat, Falsely Making a Terrorist Threat, Swatting and Causing a Catastrophe.
- Suspect search warrant, arrest, interrogation and mental health evaluation.
- Examine a successful cyber-crime case study investigation from start to finish.

Cyber Security

WIZER

Wizer is a security awareness training platform for staff. The platform utilizes short training videos, along with simulated phishing emails. The purpose of this training is to educate all of our users on the best practices to keep our network and data secure. 95% of cybersecurity breaches are caused by human error. Utilizing this training platform will allow us all to be more aware of the current day cyber security issues and the best ways to avoid falling victim to them.

Beginning in January of 2022, each staff member received an email from “no-reply@wizer-training.com”. We asked each staff member to watch eight (8) short videos of two (2) minutes or less. The videos could be watched during their planning or co-planning time. Simulated phishing emails began in January that are designed to bring awareness of phishing attacks toward our network. These simulated phishing emails are not designed to make anyone feel bad, but rather bring awareness.

THREATLOCKER

Threatlocker puts your business ahead in the fight against malware and exploits by combining Application Whitelisting and RingFencing™ together into our Application Control. The solution is fast to deploy and has a low total cost of ownership solution. RingFencing™ limits applications from performing functions that are not required for normal use. This is extremely effective at stopping exploits of known or unknown vulnerabilities.

Campus Security

Visibility Upgrades:

- Building Exterior Signage-Doors (letters), Windows (Rm #s)
- Building Interior Signage-Room # & Staff Name, Tornado, Fire, Safety, Red/Green Cards
- Parking Lot-Directional arrows for traffic flow, no parking signage, no parking markings (Coming Soon)

Alert/Notification Upgrades:

- Propped Door - Email Notifications
 - Alert sent to Principals, Assistant Principals, School SRO, Director of Transportation, Buildings, & Grounds, Superintendent
- Safety Radios
 - Two radios have been purchased (1-MCISD, 1-WASD) for each building office
 - A radio call will alert Monroe County Sheriff, Whiteford Township Fire Department, Michigan State Police

Safety Threat Assessment

In October 2022, Scott Huard and I met with ATAP (American Threat Assessment and Protection). After meeting with ATAP, I was notified that The Monroe County Sheriff's Office could also conduct the Safety Assessment.

Deputy Benes spoke to Sgt. Hammond who advised the Safety Assessment would be conducted by a team of SROs and Sgt. Hammond at minimum, but may involve more personnel depending on the direction of the Sheriff.

Cost - The cost of the assessment would come from the Safety Grant. The cost is still currently being discussed.

Time Frame - This would be worked out upon the decision on which company would be used for the assessment. Multiple Schools around Monroe County are looking into using the Monroe County Sheriff's Office for these assessments and once the decisions are made the assessment could begin. Understand this process will be a continuous process and will take time to complete.

Process - To complete the process, we would be utilizing the CISA School Security Assessment Tool which can be found at

<https://www.cisa.gov/school-security-assessment-tool>

“Let Us Know” - MS/HS

This form has been created to increase student agency and voice as we maintain and improve a safe learning environment where all students can thrive. Any information provided is collected anonymously, so you will not be identified or contacted regarding anything you may submit. Thank you in advance for providing any information that can improve Whiteford MS/HS and improve your high school experience. We can only improve and address issues when we are provided information. Our goal is to address major concerns that may arise in relation to the topics listed below. If you need IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE, please notify the teacher/office, immediately.

[Let Us Know](#)

Safety - Next Steps

1. Safety Threat Assessment
 - a. In coordination with the Monroe County Sheriff's Department
2. Michigan Department of Education Grant Applications
 - a. PA 144 of 2022 Section 97 - Improve Student Safety
 - i. Section 97 of the State School Aid Act for 2022-2023 school year funding is being dispersed on a per pupil basis, currently estimated to be \$109 per pupil.
 - ii. Allowable expenditures under this section include but are not limited to:
 1. Coordination with local law enforcement
 2. Training for school staff on threat assessment and crisis communication
 3. Training for school staff and student on threat response
 4. Safety Infrastructure
 - a. Door locks, hardened vestibules, artificial intelligence software for weapon detection, cameras, buzzer systems, etc.
 5. Age-appropriate training for students and families on responsible gun ownership
 6. Professional Development for school resource officers that includes best practices for serving in a school setting
 - iii. 31aa-Mental Health
 - iv. 97c-Security Assessments
 - v. 97d-Critical Incident Mapping
3. Staff & Student Training
 - a. Regarding threat response and proactive approaches to overall school safety