# **School Safety and Security**

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#### **Today's Presenters**

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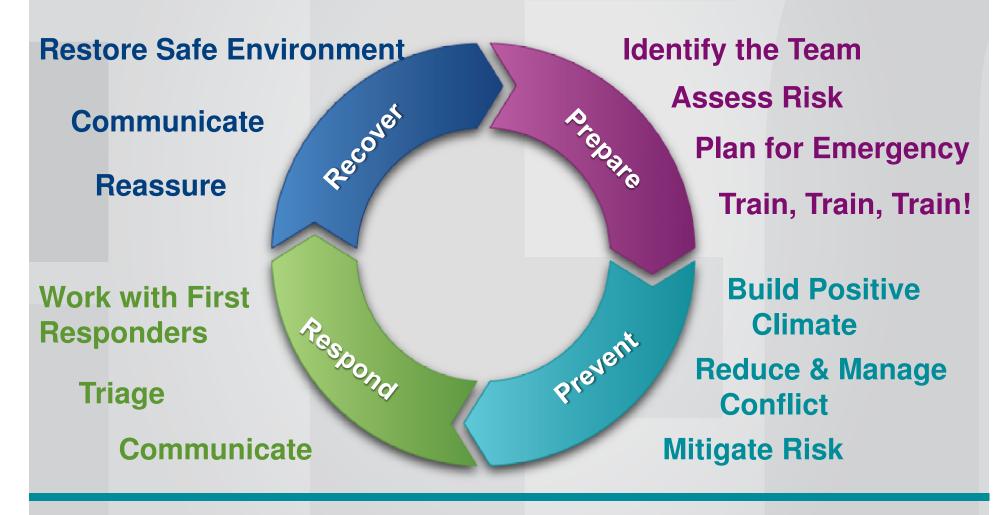


- Prepare
- Prevent
- Respond
- Recover
- Ongoing Training & Development
- Q&A

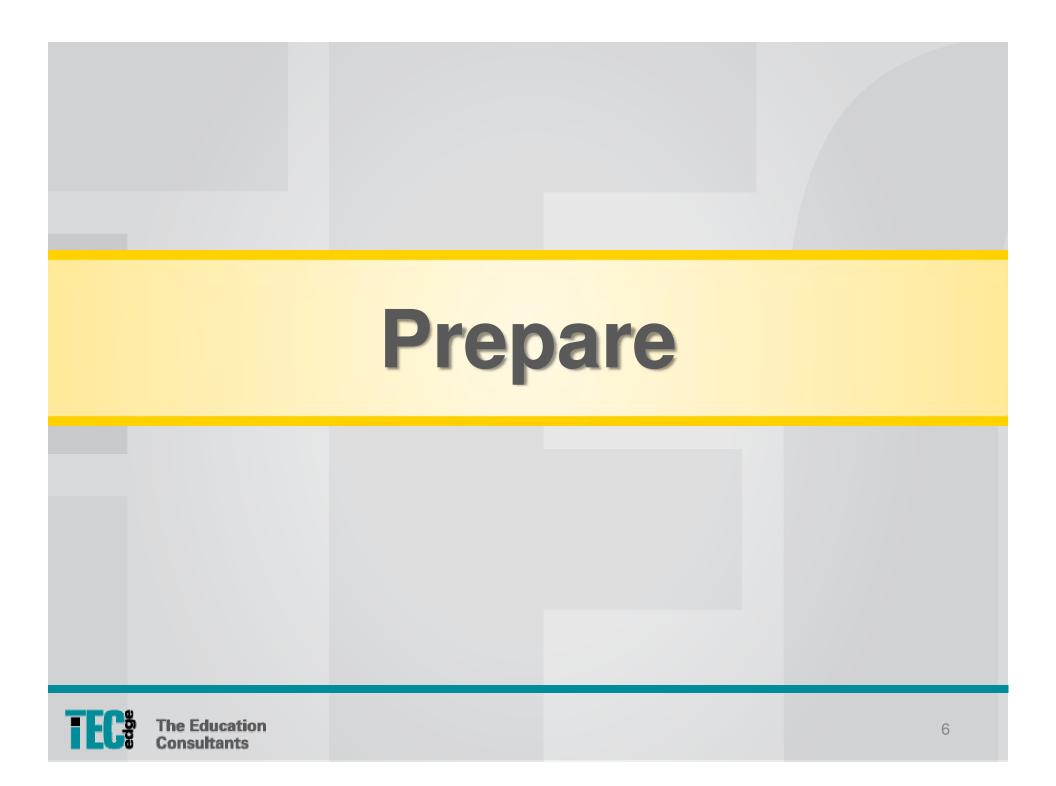
# Where Do We Start?



# **Emergency Management Cycle**







#### How Do You Develop a System to Protect Against the Unknown?

- Honest assessment of your threats
- Realize working with limited resources
- Safety & Security Planning no matter what the incident the same process:
  - Threat identification and prioritization
  - Risks
  - Assess Vulnerabilities
  - Course of action
  - Systems
  - Implement Maintain & train exercise
- Right people in the right seat on the bus



#### District Emergency Management Team

- District and School Leaders
- School Resource Officers
- Emergency Management Director
- Chief of Police
- Fire Chief/Emergency Medical Town Manager/Mayor
- Tap into the STARS -- Collaborative



# **Assessment Strategies**

- Do a threat assessment
- Do a risk assessment
- Do a vulnerability assessment
- Do a security assessment
- Perform a CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) Study

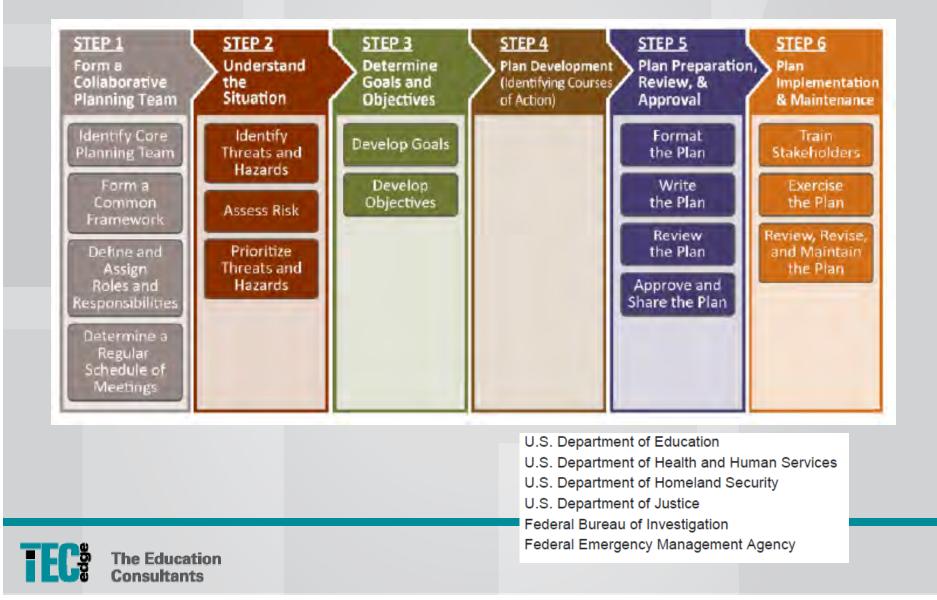


# **Planning Strategies**

- Collaboration & consensus
- Age appropriate
- Keep it simple
- Give options
- Instruction and drills



#### **Steps in the Planning Process**



# **Components of Security Planning**

- Written policies/practices/EOP
  - Violence prevention (SEL and PBIS)
  - Physical security (Access controls, Video, Locking)
  - Cyber security
  - Communications
  - Visitor management
  - Response policies and training
    - Lockdown/Lockout
    - Shelter in place
    - Run-Hide-Fight
  - Post incident response



# **The Plan**

- Fast
- Simple
- Politically correct
- Socially responsible
- Universally deployable
- Inexpensive





#### Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

- Natural Surveillance "See and be seen."
- Natural Access Control Guide people to where you want them and away from areas you don't
- Territorial Reinforcement Clearly defining the school ground boundaries
- Proper Maintenance fix "signs of disorder"



# **Physical Security**

#### With every delay of 10 seconds in emergency response, another life is lost. (US DOJ)





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#### What are Some of the Technology Trends in Physical Security?

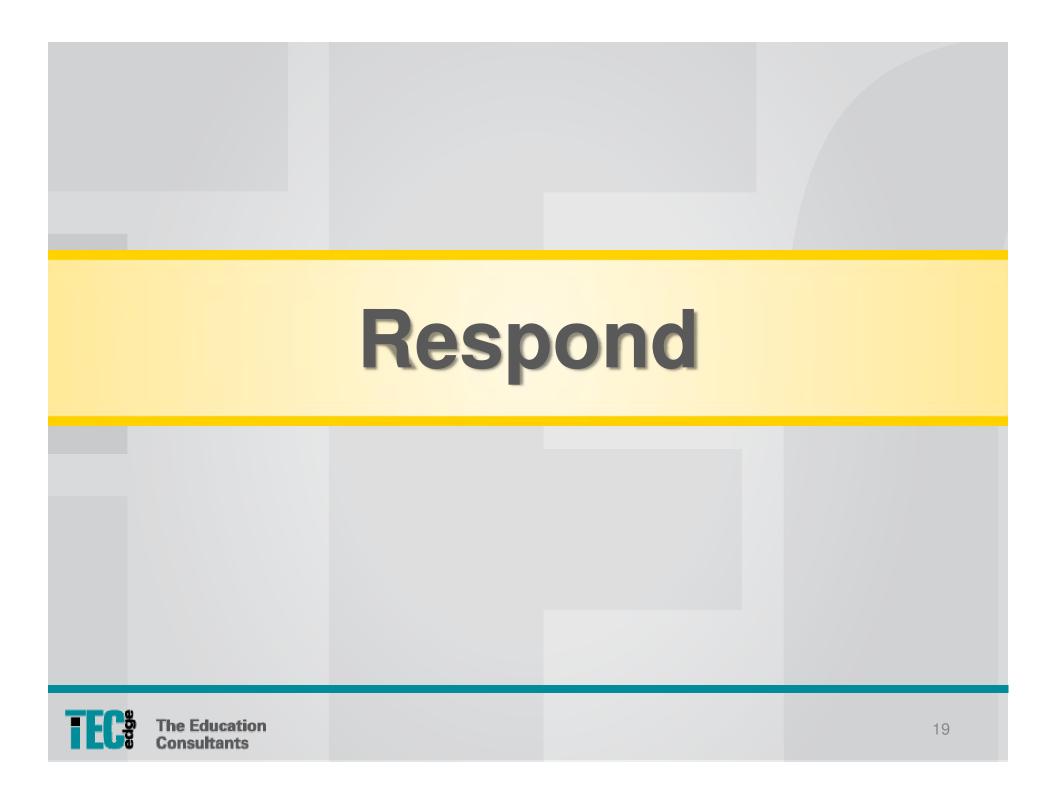
- Smarter Cameras
  - Better Image Quality
    - Embedded Analytics
      - Mobility
        - On-board Storage
          - Extending the life of Existing Cameras
            - More Effective Video File Compression
              - More Storage for Less \$\$\$
                - VSaaS (Video Software as a Service)



#### **A Positive School Climate**

- Foundations for Safe & Supportive Schools
- Social and Emotional Learning
- Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports
- Violence and Bullying Prevention
  - In 81% of the incidents, at least one person knew of the impending attack.
- Training on problem identification





# **Work with First Responders**

- Follow the Plan.
- Trust Each Other. Coordinate. Cooperate.
- Communicate without causing alarm.
- Minimize students' exposure to incident.
- Document actions taken.
- Use incident to evaluate and improve plan.



#### Communicate

How many of you have handled a crisis?

- How do you know what decision to make if you don't know what is happening?
- We need communications audio & video – everywhere!



#### **Communicate to Those Outside**

- Timely
- Coordinated
- Accurate
- Recognize parents, media, and community have different concerns



# **Triage Needs**

- Physical Safety
  - > Emergency Medical Care
  - > Adequate Shelter
  - Food and Drink
- Property Safety
- Reduce fear and anxiety
  - > Psychological First Aid





# **Post Event Strategies**

- The wide range of losses and changes young people face
- The unique issues that emerge at different stages of their development
- How the stages of grief are revisited throughout the healing process
- How children often misunderstand euphemisms and analogies for death
- How to address spoken and unspoken fears
- The healing role of routines, rituals and outreach
- How to involve students in support of grieving friends in and outside of school



# Ongoing Training & Development



# Training

- Professional development & crisis response & recovery training are involved in order to fully implement Prevention, Prepare, Respond & Recover initiatives & protocols
- Orient staff on crisis event protocols
- Address unique concerns of each school level
- Drills & Table-top Exercises
- Review "recovery" support protocols & school/community resources