

# Monument Academy School Safety Parent Meeting

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# Overview of Discussion

- ① What is School Safety
- ① Responsibility of the School
- ① Responsibility of Law Enforcement
- ① Responsibility of Students
- ① Responsibility of Parents

# School Safety Plans

School safety plans are required to prevent and respond to threats of danger, natural disasters, violent criminal acts and any event that places faculty, staff, and students at risk. The need for a school safety plan cannot be expressed more profoundly than by examining the results of past crises that have occurred in the United States. Schools are required to have a plan in place that could be activated within minutes to ensure the least amount of casualties and the greatest level of safety.

# School's Responsibility

- CRS 22-32-109.1 (4) (j) School response framework – school safety, readiness, and incident management plan.
- “Each school district is to adopt written procedures for taking action and communicating with local law enforcement agencies, community emergency services, parents, students, and the media in the event of certain incidents as identified by the school district.”

# Emergency Action Plan

- Monument Academy is in compliance with state statues in their Emergency Action Plan
- Monument Academy has been working with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office to update their emergency plans, test their plans, and address specific details that may be of concern

# Additional Safety Precautions

- Monument Academy takes additional steps to ensure safety for the students
- Keeping all outside doors secured at all times
- Limiting access into the building to one location
- Raptor scanning system for adults entering the school

# Key Phrases You Need to Know

- Lockout: A lockout is when there is a need to keep all students inside the building, but no direct threat to the school. Students are to return inside, and conduct business as usual
- Lockdown: A direct threat to the school. Students move out of site, hide and maintain silence
- Shelter: Weather related incidents. Students to follow direction of staff
- Evacuate: Students to follow direction of staff

# Emergency Drills

- ⦿ All schools are required by law to drill emergency procedures with student participation.
- ⦿ Fire Drills
- ⦿ Tornado Drills
- ⦿ Lockdown Drills



# Speaking with Kids About Drills

- It is very important that the children know what to do in case of emergencies
- They need to have an age appropriate knowledge of why we do drills and what they are supposed to do during them
- Address all questions and concerns they have on drills.
- If you don't know an answer, please refer them to their teacher

# Law Enforcement

- Monument Academy is located in unincorporated El Paso County
- It is under the jurisdiction of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office
- District 38 does contract with the Sheriff's Office to have a full time School Resource Officer assigned to the district

# Response time to Monument Academy

- Response time to an emergency to Monument Academy should be within minutes
- Responding agencies would include:
  - El Paso County Sheriff's Office
  - Monument Police Department
  - Palmer Lake Police
  - Colorado State Patrol

# Responsibilities of Parents

- Speak with your kids and ensure they know what to do during an emergency
  - Ask them if they know what they are supposed to do during a lockdown
  - Speak with them about what they should do if they are in the bathroom or in a hallway
  - Make sure they know to listen and quickly respond to teachers directions, stay calm and quite
  - Make sure they know to report anything that is of concern

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- Listen to emergency messages put out from the school, and obey instructions
  - These messages will come via telephone, email, and text
  - It is imperative you DO NOT respond to the school during an emergency, you will not be permitted to come near the school
  - After an emergency the school will be evacuated
  - Reunification will take place at a secondary location
  - Students will NOT be released to parents early for any reason

# How to Report Safety Concerns

- Report any safety concerns you have or hear
  - This includes any bullying situations, rumors of any type of violence, weapons in or around the school, ect.
- Report them immediately and follow up on the report
- Speak with your student's teacher
- Speak directly to the Principal
  - We cannot address issues if we do not know they are happening!!

# Safe 2 Tell

- Safe2Tell is an anonymous reporting system for students put in place for schools following the Columbine School Shooting
- The reports are taken by the Colorado State Patrol's Dispatch Center and immediately distributed to the effected school and law enforcement agency
- A follow up report is required on every safe2tell tip
- Safe2Tell is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week

# Contacting Safe 2 Tell

- Phone number: 877-542-SAFE (7233)
- Website: [www.safe2tell.org](http://www.safe2tell.org)



# Questions

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