

Safety Committee Meeting Recap

October 20, 2023, 3:00 p.m., CHEC 200

I. Introductions – Dr. Bill King

II. Post-Swatting Analysis & Follow-up – Dr. Bill King

An after-action report of the incident on the Plano campus will be published after approval from the Board. Weaknesses noted have been communication, lack of cell service, training, etc. We are holding a small committee meeting twice a month as follow-up to the incident. More to come on future preparations and initiatives.

Per Chief Scott Jenkins, the Allen police/fire/emergency management group has also put an after-action report. They have a 90-120 min debrief scheduled for all law enforcement later this month. They've compiled a well-documented report that includes media, much of which came from Mike Messina.

III. Stop the Bleed Kits Proposal – Dr. Bill King

A proposal to increase the number of Stop the Bleed kits on campuses has been brought before AGS. Training is needed before using this equipment, and we want to strategically place kits across the district and provide the training to those who volunteer. Please review and give feedback.

Dr. Mesch asked if there were any thoughts on how to distribute the kits. Dr. King emphasized that AGS has not yet provided feedback on the proposal, and distribution would be considered after feedback is received.

Andrea Szlachtowski asked if programs with higher accreditation requirements and higher risk would be taken into consideration and if the college would look at distribution that way to start.

Per Dr. King, the focus of this proposal is to prepare for active shooter events. If there is a specific need for kits, purchase through your budget.

IV. School Marshal Updates & Plans Moving Forward – Chief Scott Jenkins

The school marshal policy has been in place several years, but the law was adjusted a couple of years ago. Collin took over 25 applications for the first cohort. Those who completed all the background and psychological exams (same as law enforcement) were sent for 80 hours of training in Abilene. Nine (9) candidates completed the training, and we now have an active marshal program. Because we are the first college in Texas to complete a marshal program, our training center is now a regional school marshal training center in Texas. It will be very cost-

effective for our program in the future. Chief Jenkins attended a Chiefs of Police meeting last month where he was able to talk about the program, and Collin-hosted training sessions are filling up. School marshals have a 2-year certification requirement. We will open for more candidates in the near future.

Dr. King stated that the college wants equal dispersion of marshals for all campuses but is not there yet. Signs will be installed on campuses so potential shooters are warned that marshals are on campus.

V. *Technology Pilot Programs at Celina – Chief Scott Jenkins*

Scott Jenkins – There are over 1500 cameras throughout the district but they are receptive, not proactive. They can be used after the fact; for example, during a recent robbery that caught suspect's face on camera. We want to be proactive.

- a. *Avigilon* – This has been sent to the board and approved. It uses advanced analytics and provides notifications of what's happening. It is being piloted at Celina, and a full-scale drill is planned for January.
- b. *Go to Green* – This is a shot detection and emergency evacuation system that uses lights in the hallway to direct people to safety. Pilot Point ISD is the first in the country to adopt the system. Chief Jenkins went and saw it in action. When a shot is detected, lights flash blue and red to direct police to the location (stop the kill) and red or green to direct evacuees away from danger (stop the dying).

Bill King stated that the issue of lack of cell coverage came out of the after-action report. The tech campus is the worst and has been working for 2 years on a project to fix it. Dr. Matkin wants coverage throughout district and is taking the issue to the board next month. Also, Avigilon becomes cell coverage if a cell tower goes down. It's a win-win.

Some feedback about Avigilon is a concern about privacy. The system won't be in classrooms, offices, or recording audio. Only video. The FUSION center and ISDs constantly send us information that can be input into the system. This is not spyware.

VI. *Police Related Topics – Chief Scott Jenkins*

Collin has had a total of a dozen threat assessment opportunities thanks to the SOBI team. Guardian is a great tool. It's a program that helps document any kind of threat (to self or others). 4 individuals were arrested and taken for evaluation to stop mental crisis threats to self/others. Several calls for service.

VII. *Celina Exercises - Chris Eyle*

A full-scale staged response to active shooter exercise is planned on Jan 7. We've been planning for 6-8 months, which will be a multi-agency, multi-community response, Prosper/Celina ISD, emergency, and police. The goal is active coordination between agencies

during emergencies. We've already made huge strides. Go 2 Green and Avigilon will be utilized as part of a response event. It will be publicized to the community to prevent scare.

VIII. Informacast – Initiatives for Improved Notifications – Chris Eyle

CougarAlert does a great job during weather events but struggles in an active shooter scenario. Text messaging depends on cell coverage, volume, plus email tends to autocycle so may not come through quickly. Informacast is linked to the office phone/desk. The classroom is a gap. We are looking at versions that lock down all computers in the district (banner alert on screen), etc. Proposals with cost going to board to fill gap.

Per Dr. King, training is a big gap. All FT/PT employees will be required to complete CRASE training between now and August of next year. Communication is important but needs response training. Police focus on stopping the shooter, not sending text alerts.

Chief Jenkins continued by stating the police priority is tactical – getting officers to the location. Communication is horizontal among law enforcement/emergency responders, not vertical up to others.

A questions was raised about the possibility of having window/door covering. Dr. King explained that CRASE training teaches "hide" (locking the door, under the desk...), but assailants rarely go through locked door. They want easy target. The training is to give the skills to survive. Window coverings can be considered and discussed, but they are not super effective.

Chris Eyle added that all new campuses have sidelights meant to address the safety of students, not shooters. Blocking the windows could lead to other unwanted activity. There are two different safety issues at play against each other.

IX. Round Robin

Terrence Brennan – after next week's board meeting, the CEO/Title IX report will be on the website (annual). It will detail all activity responded to and the outcomes.

James Yervasi – How much are we pushing identifying mental illness? Many faculty and staff are not trained to do so.

Terrence Brennan – We are pushing out all initiatives (esp to workforce). SB532 passed that included mandatory training when students apply to the college. Collin is going to enhance current student training and orientation. Next week, one of our LPCs will be officing at Tech campus due to yesterday's event. All lab areas will have info on Timely Care, etc posted. There is an org called One Tribe that provides mental health training for laypeople. Going to help get that training out for symptoms and early intervention.

LaToscha Sherman – we send information out to all students, go to classes, cougar connect, but have to get students through the stigma. Upping outreach. National stress

intolerance is at an all-time low for students coming out of COVID. All colleges struggling with this and also social anxiety.

Terrence Brennan – During first 9 weeks, 42% of students using counseling have experienced/demonstrated active suicidal ideation.

Diana Hopes – Allison Venuto working with deans to figure out what kind of information to share with students through syllabi. Need to revisit – safety, security, mental health. Keeps front and center for faculty to discuss and share each semester

Adjourned at 4:10p