

Adams 12 Five Star Schools

Proactive Security Initiatives

Overhaul of District-wide Crisis Communication System.

- Specific school leadership is notified of appropriate crisis information. Training is conducted on how to use the information to prevent or manage a crisis situation.

Crisis Communication Guide.

- Guide provides school staff with directions on what information to collect to address a potential threat. It expedites the information collection process to speed crisis management action.

District-wide Safety and Security Audit.

- Audit illuminated safety issues needing attention. As a result of the audit, most issues have been addressed. District safety staff has conducted extensive training with school and district staff members. Safety protocols have been clarified and communication with law enforcement and safety agencies has been enhanced.

Improved Emergency Communication.

- As a result of lessons learned from recent crisis situations nationwide, the Five Star District has made significant communication equipment enhancements. The improvements have resulted in enhanced communication capabilities between law enforcement, school officials and safety agency personnel.
- Internal communication has been enhanced to improve direct crisis communication between crisis management team members.

Crisis Management Plans.

- Each school has an approved crisis management plan which incorporates key strategies developed by national safety experts.
- School staff and district officials are regularly trained on how to use the plan. Schools regularly practice safety drills to prepare students and staff for the most effective implementation of the plan.

Incident Command Management Model Implemented.

- Created crisis management teams at each school and trained alongside district and first responder/emergency personnel. Training included table-top crisis exercises.

District-wide Auto Dialer to be Implemented Later this Fall.

- District has assumed responsibility to install and implement district-wide calling system which can call all emergency contact phone numbers provided by parents each year. Calls are made rapidly in the event of a crisis to give parent essential information and directives on appropriate actions to be taken.
- **Key:** All parents must keep emergency contact information current with schools at all times. Updates are made to the system daily.

Safe2Tell.

- This is an anonymous tip line operated by Colorado State Patrol in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security. Students can report any threatening situation. Information coming into the system is immediately shared with the appropriate law enforcement agency and district allowing for quick and effective action. The system is operated 24/7, year-round.