



**Minnesota Department of Public Safety
Division of Homeland Security and
Emergency Management**

MN School Safety Center

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- “ Established by Minnesota Legislature May 2013, (Chapter 86, article 1, sec 12); Re-establishment of MnSSC
- “ Serves K-12 Public, Private, Charter, and Tribal schools
- “ Coordinates and collaborates with Minn. Department of Education (MDE); School Safety Technical Assistance Center and Restorative Justice Program
- “ Housed within Minn. Department of Public Safety/ Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division

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Mission

- “ Serve as a resource to schools, law enforcement, public safety, emergency management and community partners.
- “ Provide information, guidance, training and technical assistance for best practices in all-hazard safety planning for schools.
- “ Coordinate prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery activities with federal, tribal, state and local partners

Minnesota School Safety Center Staffing

- “ Three fulltime staff
 - . Director
 - . School Resource Officer (SRO) Coordinator
 - . Safe School Assessment Coordinator
 - . Emergency Planning Coordinator (*vacant*)
- “ Budget: ongoing appropriation of \$405,000

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Key Partners

Regional Educational Cooperatives

“ Schools

- . Boards
- . Administrators
- . Staff

“ Public Safety Agencies

- . Local
- . County
- . State
- . Tribal

“ Professional Associations

Higher Education Principal and Superintendent Licensing Programs

“ State Agencies

- . MN Dept. of Education
- . MN Dept. of Health
- . MN Dept. of Public Safety
 - . Office of Communications
 - . State Fire Marshal Division
 - . Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
 - . MN State Patrol
 - . Office of Justice Programs

“ Federal Agencies

“ Department of Homeland Security

“ U.S. Dept. of Education

“ Other State School Safety Centers

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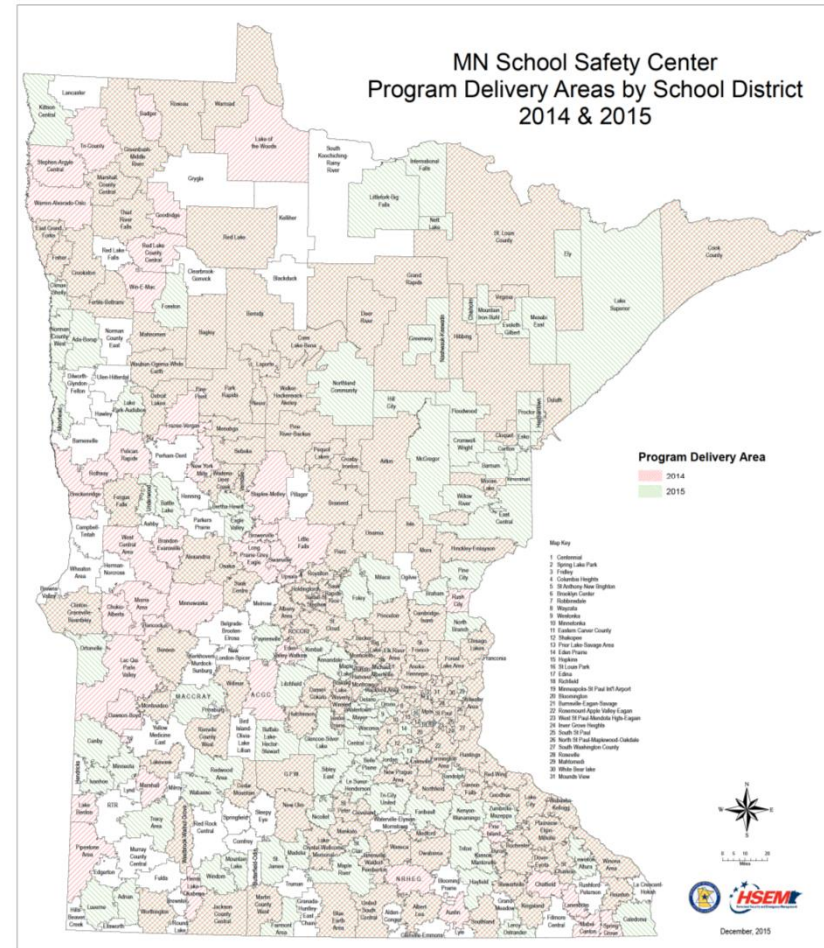


Minnesota School Safety Center Training

- “ Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools
- “ Threat Assessment
- “ Active Shooter/Violent Intruder Response
- “ Lockdown with Options
- “ Crisis Communications
- “ De-Escalation Strategies
- “ Access and Visitor Control
- “ Bomb Threat Response
- “ Basic School Resource Officer Course
- “ Advanced SRO Strategies
- “ Safe School Facility Assessment
- “ Tabletop Exercise Strategies
- “ Classroom Safety and Security Best Practices

MnSSC Program Delivery

“ Be present and walk with our schools and their safety partners



What we have learned...

- “ Each school and school district is unique
 - . Facilities and population served
 - . Public, private, charter, tribal
 - . Partner resources

- “ Being a Non-Regulatory entity has been critical to our success

- “ Relationships are essential

- “ Statewide presence required

- “ On-Site delivery is crucial



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School Resource Officer Training

- “ Develop basic and advanced strategies School Resource Officer curriculum.
- “ Coordinate active shooter/violent intruder training, emergency response, threat assessment, de-escalation strategies and bomb threat courses.
- “ Adolescent development and special needs
- “ Liaison to law enforcement agencies and SROs
- “ Development of SRO cohort learning groups
- “ Engage in emergency response exercises
- “ Publish SRO newsletter through BCA Fusion Center
- “ *(Estimated 315 FT/PT SROs in MN; 158 of 448 Agencies)*

School Threat Assessments

- ” Conduct training to school personnel and public safety partners on threat assessment best practices.
- ” Incorporate a 360 degree approach to threat assessment processes.
- ” Provide threat assessment instruments/toolkits.
- ” *“See Something, Say Something”* culture.
- ” Develop long- and short-term support for victims.
- ” Support reintegration strategies for returning students.

Safe School Facility Assessments

- “ Develop Safe School Facility Assessment Toolkit.
- “ Distribute pre-facility assessment training video.
- “ Conduct on-site Safe School Facility Assessment.
- “ Provide train-the-trainer instruction for school facility managers, administrative staff and public safety partners.
- “ Compile and share current best practices in security.
- “ Consult with school construction projects.

Emergency Operations Planning

- “ Provide multi-hazard school emergency operations planning and training development courses (FEMA based).
- “ Conduct EOP/Crisis Plan reviews of current plans.
- “ Develop and support school exercises, drills, and current school safety best practices and procedures.
- “ Incorporate school EOP/Crisis Plan into greater community, county and state EOP.

School Crisis Response Teams (119A.035)

- “ School Crisis Response Team development is under the Minn. Department of Education oversight.
- “ Provided MDE School Safety Technical Assistance Center resources and model programs.
- “ SWWC Crisis Response Team model is already functioning and in place in the SW Minnesota region.
- “ Currently, Minnesota schools provide these cooperative services on an informal basis, with public behavioral health partners.

Questions?



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