



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

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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 MN Department of Education (MDE); School Safety Technical Assistance Center and Restorative Justice Program
- Housed within MN Department of Public Safety/ Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division

# MN School Safety Center 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

# MN School Safety Center Staffing

- Staffed with three full-time personnel and their related expenses
  - Director
  - School Resource Officer (SRO) Coordinator
  - Safe School Assessment Coordinator
  - Emergency Planning Coordinator (*vacant*)
- Budget overview: on-going appropriation of \$405,000

# MN School Safety Center 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

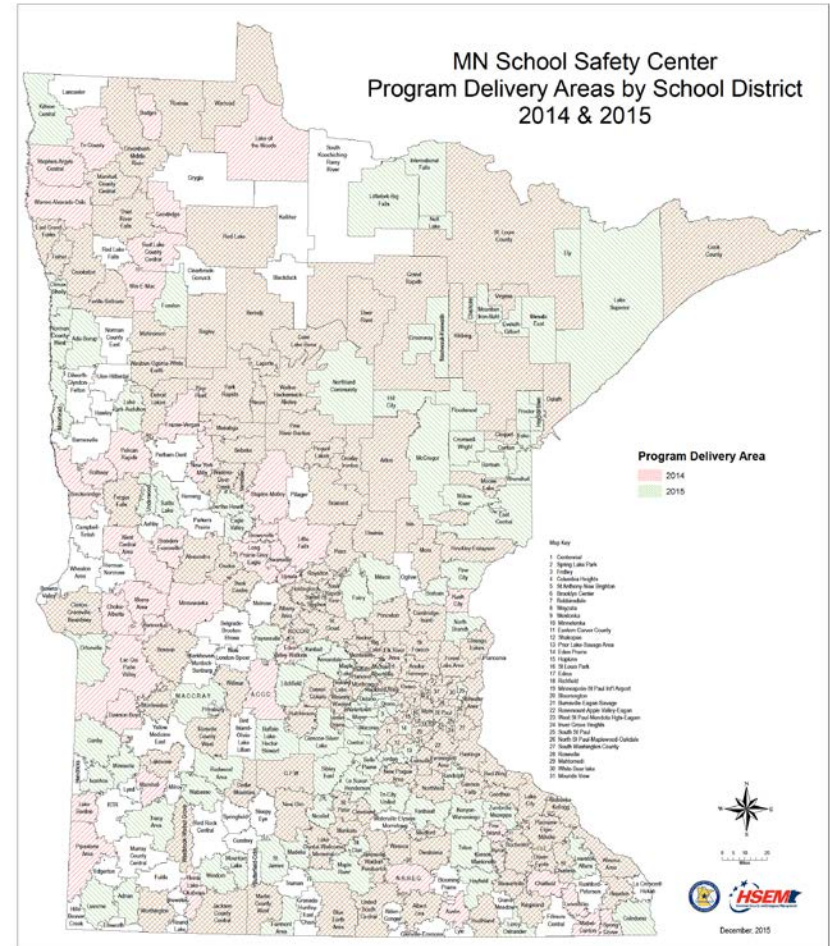
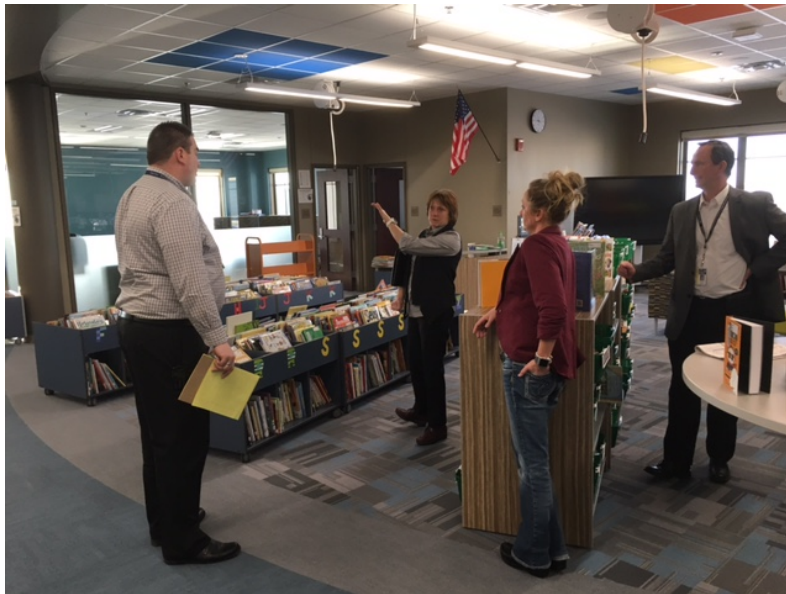
- State Agencies
  - MN Dept. of Education
  - MN Dept. of Health
  - MN Dept. of Public Safety
    - Office of Communications
    - State Fire Marshal Division
    - Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
    - MN State Patrol
    - Office of Justice Programs
- Federal Agencies
- Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Dept. of Education
- Other State School Safety Centers

# MN 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
- State-wide presence required
- On-Site delivery is crucial





# 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 MN 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

# The Work: January-April 2018

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- 20% Crisis Plan Review
- 46% Facility Safe School Assessment
- Remainder- Threat Assessment, Crisis Communication, De-Escalation, Lockdown with Options
- Media
- Legislature

# The Work: January-April 2018

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- 875 Participants
- 1480 hours of training or contact hours delivered

Educators, Law Enforcement, Fire, Emergency Management, Private Sector, Elected Officials



# Questions?

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