



SCHOOL SAFETY SUMMIT

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Building Relationships, Law Enforcement, Medical Professionals,
School Systems

Session Description

- **School system and Law enforcement leaders will provide information on how to build and strengthen relationships that provide safety and security measures for school systems.**
- **Participants will collaborate on the development of effective plans for continuity of operations when emergency situations arise.**

Description of Rapides Parish

- Second largest parish in the state: 1,318 square *land* miles ([Vernon is 1st](#))
- Approximately 130,000 Residents
- At least 21 different cities, towns, communities, etc
- At least 11 different law enforcement agencies in the parish
- Approximately 22,000 students
- 42 schools and 3 programs
- One School Resource Officer per school /program

History of SROs In Rapides Parish

- The sales tax was passed in October of 2002. After Columbine in 1999, Sheriff Hilton had the vision to put a Deputy Sheriff in every school. To fund this endeavor, he asked the public for a ½ cent sales to fund the SRO program and for raises for employees as well as equipment.
- After the start of the sales tax, deputies and police officers from other agencies applied for the 60 positions.
- Currently we have deputies assigned to 57 schools, 3 SRO supervisors, 4 fill in SRO's that respond to abscesses, a secretary and a School Safety Liaison assigned full time to the Rapides Parish School Board for threat assessments and as a go between in critical incidents at any school campus.

Training of SROs



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Coordination of RPSB/RPSO Work

- Superintendent
 - Executive Assistant Superintendent of Administration
 - Supervisor of Physical Plant
- Sheriff
 - Chief Deputy
 - Major over Uniform Division
 - Captain over the SRO Program
 - Lt. and Sgt. SRO Supervisors
 - ***1 School Safety and Security Liaison with the SBO***
 - 57 full time SROs, 4 floaters

Coordination of RPSB/RPSO Work

- Have a Plan
 - Emergency Response Plans - When Lightning Strikes
 - Navigate360
- Communicating the Plan
- Practicing the Plan
- Responding to Emergencies
 - Coordinating Responses
- After Action Reports

Developing a Plan

1. How many different law enforcement agencies are in operation in your parish?
2. Who are the primary points of contacts per agency?
3. How are the emergency response plans for each location created, stored, and shared?
4. Who is expected to be lead agency when responding to emergencies?
5. How frequently do/will all agencies and school system collaborate?