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Introduction

Damien Kelly,
Executive Director
FDOE Office of Safe Schools

Background

- 25 years experience as law enforcement officer
- 12 years with City of Memphis Police Department with assignments in:
 - Uniform Patrol
 - Robbery
 - Homicide
 - Safe Streets Task Force
 - Project Safe Neighborhood
 - US Marshals Fugitive Task Force
 - Metro Gang Unit

Background

- Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) since 2005 with assignments in :
 - Organized crime
 - Protective Operations
 - Executive Investigations
 - Special Operations Team

Office of Safe Schools (OSS) Team

Our mission:

**To provide a safe learning environment
for our students and educators**

Damien Kelly – Executive Director

Brooks Rumenik – Deputy Director

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SB 7026

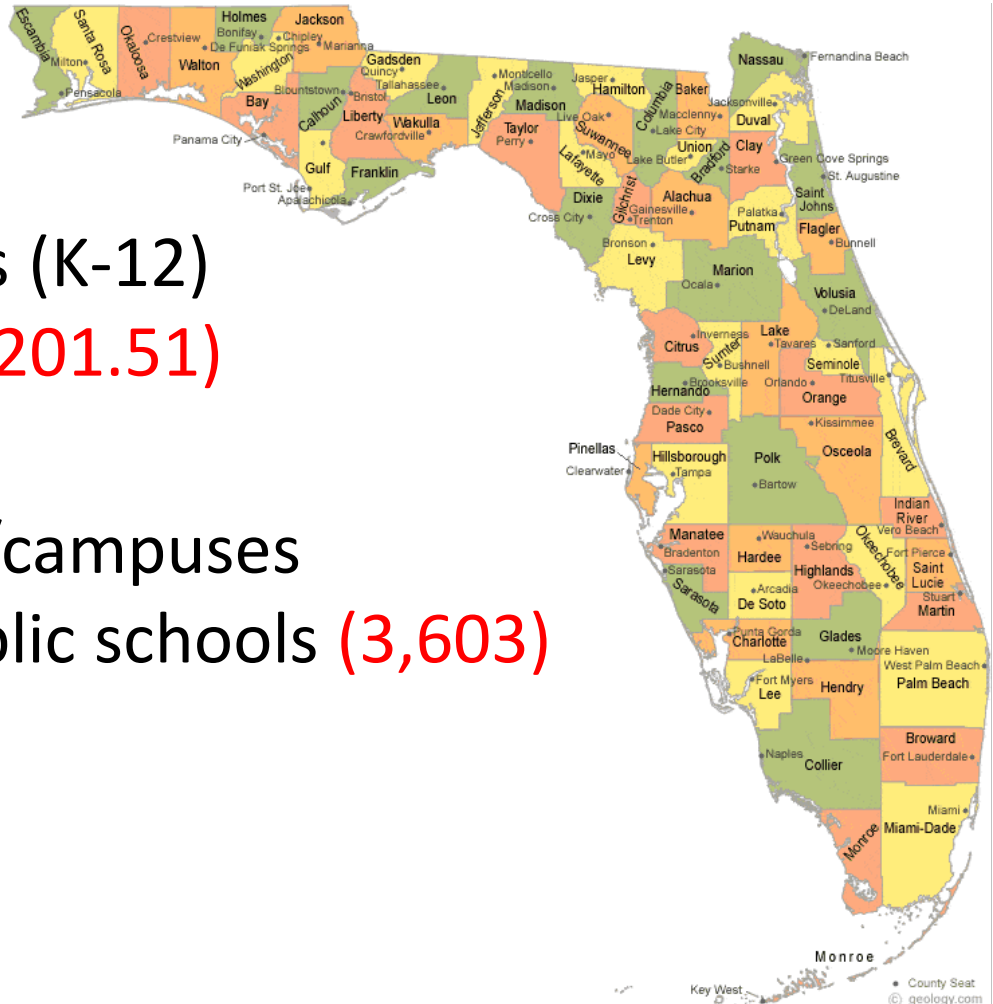
Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act

Overview of SB 7026

- Signed into law March 8, 2018
- Promotes school safety and enhanced coordination between education and law enforcement entities at the state and local level
- Creates the new Office of Safe Schools to oversee all efforts for school safety
- Provides for \$400 million for school safety and mental health related activities

Florida Schools by the Numbers

- Number of students (K-12)
= 2,833,115 (2,720,201.51)
- Number of schools/campuses
= approx. 3,641 public schools (3,603)



Office of Safe Schools (OSS) – S. 1001.212, F.S.

OSS serves as a central repository for best practices, training standards and compliance oversight in all matters regarding school safety and security

Primary goals of the office:

- Prevention
- Intervention
- Emergency Preparedness Planning



Safe-School Officers – S. 1006.12, F.S.

- Requires one or more officers assigned to each school facility in any combination of the following:
 - School Resource Officer or Deputy (SRO/SRD)*
 - School Safety Officer*
 - Coach Aaron Feis Guardians Program (must be a school district employee)

*Law enforcement officers employed by either a law enforcement agency or by the district school board

Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program – Ss. 30.15 & F.S. 1006.12, F.S.

- School employees who volunteer and are appointed by the sheriff
- No authority to act in any law enforcement capacity except to the extent necessary to prevent or abate an active assailant incident on school premises
- No power of arrest

Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program

- Mutual decision by Sheriff, School Board & Superintendent
- School districts opting out of participation may still allow their charter schools the option if the local sheriff is willing

Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program – cont'd.

- Guardians will have concealed weapons permit
- Must undergo 144 hours (or more) of firearms safety training, to include 12 hours of diversity training
- Prior to appointment, must pass a psychological evaluation, drug screening and background check

Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program – Funding

- \$500,000 in recurring funds and \$67 million in nonrecurring funds
- Funds to be used for:
 - screening-related costs
 - training-related costs, and
 - a one-time stipend of \$500 to each guardian

Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program – Numbers

- Currently, 25 Sheriff's throughout Florida have agreed to train volunteers as guardians in traditional schools and/or charter school settings
- Application requests total approximately \$9,307,862.04

School Safety Specialist – S. 1006.07(6)(a), F.S.



- A district school administrator designated by each school district superintendent
- Trained by the Office of Safe Schools
- Oversee all aspects of school safety within the school district
- Liaison with local public safety agencies, community agencies & organizations
- Conduct school security risk assessments, along with first responders for each campus

Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT) – Ss. 1006.07(6)(a)(4) & 1006.1493, F.S.

- Assessments were due by **August 1, 2018**,
for all districts school sites
- District assessments were
due by **October 31, 2018**



Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT) – Ss. 1006.07(6)(a)(4) & 1006.1493, F.S.

- School Safety Specialist required to conduct school safety risk assessments
- Helps school officials identify threats, vulnerabilities and appropriate safety controls for the schools they supervise
- Required by each district and public school site



Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT)

– Ss. 1006.07(6)(a)(4) & 1006.1493, F.S.

- FSSAT Evaluation
 - Contract with a third party consultant
 - Evaluate and provide a comprehensive review of the tool
 - Experience in conducting security risk assessments of public schools
 - Determine the effectiveness of the recommendations produced
 - MGT Consulting Group selected

Active Shooter Training – S. 1006.07(4)(b)(1), F.S.

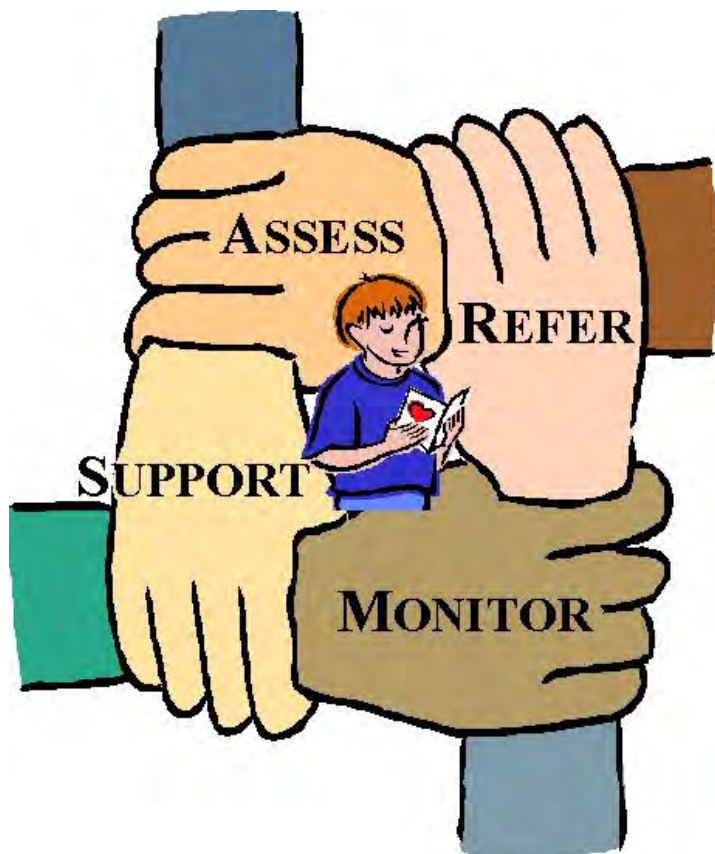
- Active shooter & hostage situation drills must engage the School Safety Specialist, threat assessment team members, faculty, staff and students
- Training must be conducted by the law enforcement agency or agencies designated as first responders to the school's campus



Active Shooter Training – S. 1006.07(4)(b)(1), F.S.

- For School Safety Specialists:
 - Active shooter prevention/mitigation, preparedness and response
 - School safety training to include threat assessment, crisis management, campus safety assessment, mental health awareness, etc.
- For school staff and students:
 - Active shooter protective actions

Threat Assessment Teams – S. 1006.07(7), F.S.



- Each school board shall adopt policies & establish threat assessment teams at each school
- Counselor, teacher, administrator & law enforcement (SRO), etc.

Physical Security of School Buildings

- \$98,962,286 for grants to schools to fund fixed capital outlay costs associated with improving physical security of school buildings as identified by security risk assessment
- Grant guidelines issued by FDOE August 21, 2018
- Application submission deadline December 1, 2018
- Grants awarded no later than January 15, 2019

Physical Security of School Buildings

- Funds are for fixed capital outlay items related to building safety and security, including items that are part of a building or those related to campus such as fences
- Allowable expenses:
 - A fixed capital outlay expenditure;
 - Associated with improving the physical and security of school building;
 - Identified by a security risk assessment completed prior to August 1, 2018;
 - Used for items other than code compliance deficiencies; and
 - In addition to or augment existing security features.

Mobile Suspicious Activity Reporting Tool – S. 943.082, F.S.

- FortifyFL
- Allows for anonymous reporting (available on Android & Apple devices)
- Information shared with local LE & school officials



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Logos for Florida Department of Education, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and Florida Department of Transportation are also present.

FortifyFL

- Launched October 8, 2018
- Available to both public and private schools
- FDOE's role :
 - Promote and facilitate awareness among all stakeholders
 - Provide training and technical assistance

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Tip Report Details

Date

10/26/2018 7:18:10 AM

School

High School

Tip Details

We received a notice and a photo on social media that had a message that said "don't come to school tomorrow " meaning today 10/27/2018. The image was of a student, his first name is but we don't know his last name, he was wearing a bandanna and holding a gun. We have saved the image if needed.

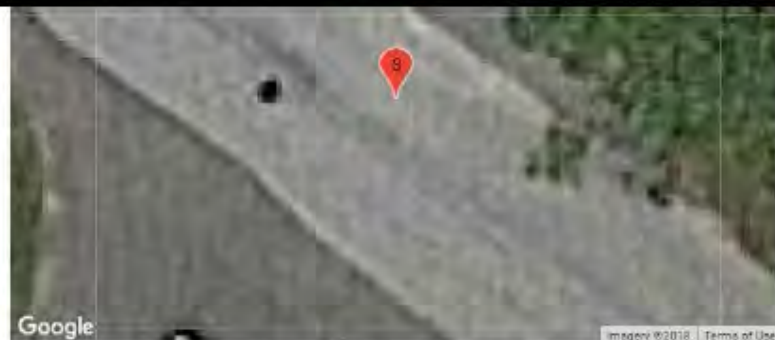
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Location Data



Don't come to school tomorrow

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Julie Collins
User

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7:23 AM Incident reported
7:24 AM School, district and law enforcement notified
7:40 AM Incident acknowledged

DETAILS

MEDIA (1)

NOTES

TIMELINE (9)

Show only user activity

Action	Name	Date	Time	Note
CREATED		10/26/2018	7:23 AM	Report created.
CALLANSWER	School Safety Specialist	10/26/2018	7:24 AM	Answered notification voice call.
CALLANSWER	County Sheriff's Office Dispatch (Alternate)	10/26/2018	7:24 AM	Answered notification voice call.
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CALLANSWER	Sheriff Office representative	10/26/2018	7:24 AM	Answered notification voice call.
CALLANSWER	School Safety Specialist	10/26/2018	7:24 AM	Answered notification voice call.
CALLANSWER	School Principal	10/26/2018	7:24 AM	Answered notification voice call.
CALLANSWER	County Sheriff's Office Dispatch (Alternate)	10/26/2018	7:24 AM	Answered notification voice call.
STATUSCHANGE	School Safety Specialist	10/26/2018	7:40 AM	Status changed to ACKNOWLEDGED.

FortifyFL

- October 26, 2018
- 7:23 AM Tip created in FortifyFL
- 7:24 AM All relevant school and law enforcement contacts notified of tip
- 7:40 AM Tip acknowledged
- 7:46 AM SSS calls dispatch to notify SRO
- 8:04 AM SRO arrives at suspect's residence
- 8:06 AM Suspect taken into custody/arrested without incident

Centralized Integrated Data Repository

SS. 1001.212(6)-(9), F.S. requires the Florida Department of Education to coordinate with the Department of Law Enforcement to provide a centralized integrated data repository and data analytics resources to improve access to timely, complete and accurate information integrating data from, at a minimum, but not limited to, the following data sources by December 1, 2018:

- (a) Social Media;
- (b) Department of Children and Families;
- (c) Department of Law Enforcement;
- (d) Department of Juvenile Justice; and
- (e) Local law enforcement.

Centralized Integrated Data Repository

- **Workgroup 1 (User and Data Governance)**: responsible for identifying data and access controls within the centralized system.
- **Workgroup 2 (Technology)**: responsible for recommending a technical solution, implementation strategy, and the sustainability plan for the centralized system.
- **Workgroup 3 (Legal)**: responsible for establishing data sharing agreements, procedures, and user access form.

Social Media Monitoring Tool

The Social Media Monitoring Tool, a data analytic resource, is a monitoring tool that is intended to aid districts with social media monitoring services. The Florida Department of Education will procure a statewide contract for this tool.

- ITN was released on 8/3/18
- Responses were due on 9/6/18
- There were eight (8) respondents

Other OSS Responsibilities

- Statewide Bullying Prevention Efforts and Oversight
- School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR)
- Safe Schools Appropriations and Expenditures Report
- Teen Dating Violence Prevention
- Substance Use/Abuse Prevention (Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco)

Other OSS Responsibilities (cont'd.) . . .

- Cyber and Internet Safety (relating to texting and social media)
- Gun-Free Schools/Weapons Possession
- Zero Tolerance and Discipline in Schools
- Promoting Positive School Climate and Social Emotional Learning Environments
- Responding to constituent concerns for all things relating to school safety and security (for students, staff, schools, school districts or Florida at large)

FBI Study Released June 20, 2018

- There is “no single warning sign, checklist or algorithm for assessing behaviors that” suggest a potential rampage shooter.

Silver, J., Simons, A., & Craun, S. (2018).
A Study of the Pre-Attack Behaviors of Active Shooters
in the United States Between 2000 – 2013.
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C. 20535.



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