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House Bill 1473

FOIL FALL CONFERENCE

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HB 1473 – School Safety: Guardian Program

Section 30.15, Florida Statutes

- Former law enforcement officers with current certification may serve as Guardians without completing Guardian training.
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) will maintain data related to school Guardians.
- Florida Department of Education (FDOE) will provide FDLE records of safe-school officers who have been disciplined, dismissed or who have discharged their firearm.



HB 1473 – School Safety: Safe-School Officers

Section (s.) 1006.12, Florida Statutes (F.S.)

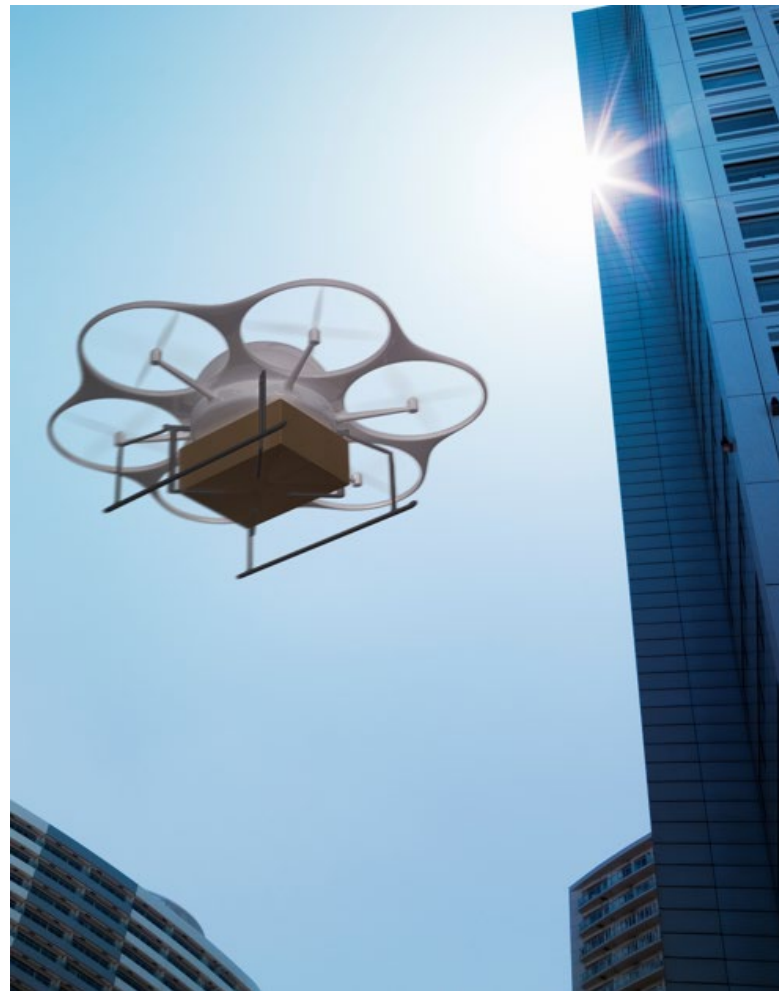
- Agreements between a school board and a law enforcement agency must include the responsibility for maintaining school resource officer training records.
- Before appointing a school guardian, the district or charter school must contact FDLE and review all relevant information on the guardian candidate.

HB 1473 – School Safety: Drones

Section 330.41, Florida Statutes

It is a misdemeanor to knowingly or willfully:

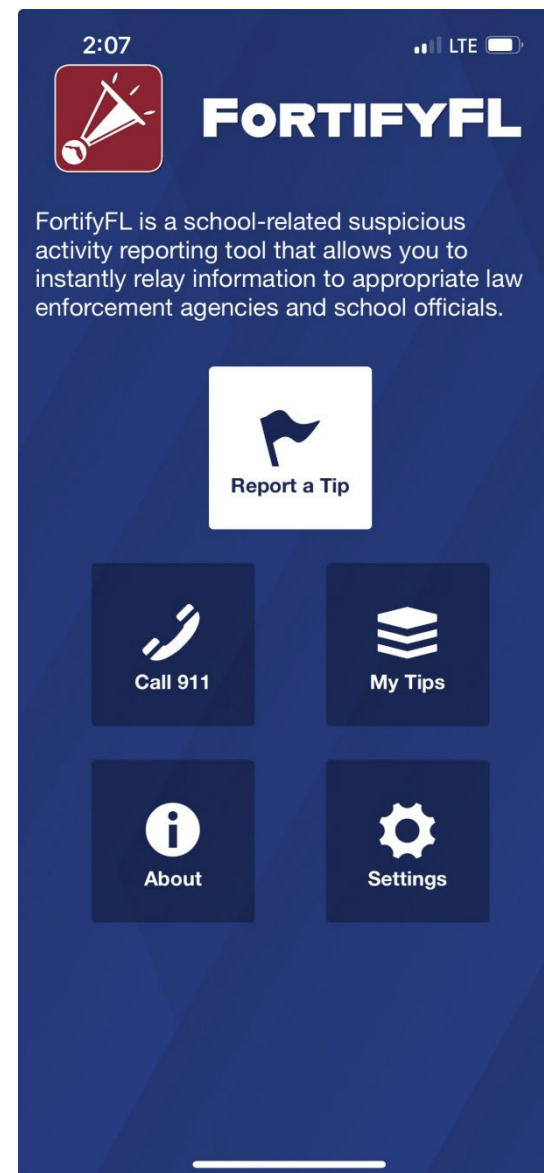
- Operate a drone over a public or private PK-12 school; or
- Allow a drone to make contact with a school, or any person or object on campus.



HB 1473 – School Safety: FortifyFL

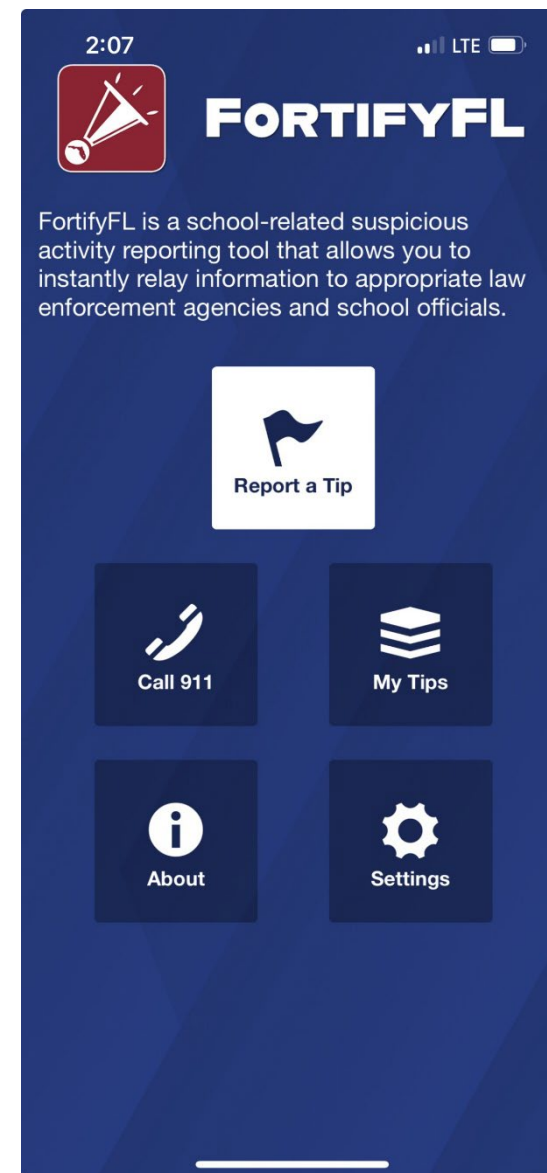
Section 943.082, Florida Statutes

Each district school board and charter school governing board must ensure that **instruction on the use of FortifyFL** is provided to students within the first 5 days of each school year; instruction must include consequences for making a threat or false report.



****FortifyFL Training Update****

- On October 16, 2024, Commissioner Diaz distributed a letter to superintendents, which outlined new FortifyFL training requirements for parents, and the upcoming change to rule 6A-1.0018(10)(d)
- Districts may use their normal means of mass communication to parents to satisfy this requirement.



HB 1473 – School Safety: Student in Custody

Section 985.04, Florida Statutes

If a dual enrolled student is taken into custody for certain serious offenses, the superintendent or designee must **notify the police chief or safety director of the postsecondary institution** within 1 business day.



HB 1473 – School Safety: Office of Safe Schools (OSS)

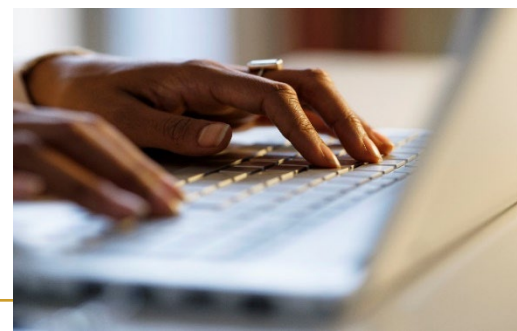
Section 1001.212, Florida Statutes

- By August 1, 2024, OSS must develop and adopt a Florida school safety compliance inspection report, which is completed and adopted in Rule 6A-1.0018, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)
- OSS will conduct triennial, unannounced inspections of all public and public charter schools while school is in session.
- OSS will investigate reports of noncompliance with school safety requirements.

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Section 1001.212, Florida Statutes

- OSS has 3 days post-inspection to provide the report to certain district and school staff; recipients have 1 school day to acknowledge receipt.
- The school safety specialist, charter school administrator or designee has 3 days to provide OSS notice of how noncompliance has been remediated for specific violations of access control and safest area requirements.



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Per section 1001.212, Florida Statutes:

- OSS must provide quarterly reports to superintendents and school safety specialists with data on which schools were inspected and which had no school safety requirement deficiencies.
- Additionally, the school safety specialist must report quarterly to the superintendent and school board on any noncompliance with school safety laws or rules.



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Per section 1001.212, Florida Statutes:

- OSS must also refer any staff to the superintendent or charter school administrator for disciplinary action if they knowingly violate the new access control requirements found at s. 1006.07(6)(f), F.S.
- Annually, OSS must notify all administrative and instructional personnel via email of new access control requirements.

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Per section 1006.07, Florida Statutes:

New access control requirements:

- All gates and other campus access points must remain closed and locked when students are on campus.
- Exceptions are limited to placing an attendant at an open gate while students are on campus; a shared use agreement pursuant to s. 1013.101, F.S.; or the school safety specialist or designee documenting that the access point is not subject to this requirement based upon other safety measures in place (or, per Rule 6A-1.0018, F.A.C., based on compliance with the Fire Code).

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Per section 1006.07, Florida Statutes:

New access control requirements:

- Doors of school classrooms and other instructional spaces must be locked to prevent ingress when occupied by students, except between classes.
- If such a door must be left unlocked, the door must be actively staffed.

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Per section 1006.07, Florida Statutes:

New access control requirements:

- All campus building access doors, gates and other access points shall remain closed and locked at all times.
- Exceptions:
 - People are actively entering or exiting; or
 - The school safety specialist or designee has documented that the access point is not subject to the requirement based upon other safety measures.

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Per section 1006.07, Florida Statutes:

- All instructional spaces must have clearly marked safest areas for student sheltering.
- Students must be notified of these areas within the first 10 days of the school year.
- Where marking these areas is not feasible, the school safety specialist or designee must document such, and identify where students must shelter in an emergency.

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Per section 1006.07, Florida Statutes:

- Each school must maintain a record that is accessible on each campus or by request of OSS of all current school year and prior school year drills, including the names of law enforcement personnel present on campus for each active assailant emergency drill.

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Per section 1006.07, Florida Statutes:

- Each district school board and charter school governing board must adopt a progressive discipline policy for personnel who knowingly violate school safety requirements.



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Office of Safe Schools Overview



2018 - 2019 Funding

Project	Recurring	Non-Recurring	Total
Office of Safe Schools Funding	344,393		344,393
Active Shooter Training	100,000		100,000
Mental Health Awareness Training	500,000	6,200,000	6,700,000
Review and analyze Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT)		1,000,000	1,000,000
School Safety Portal	3,000,000		3,000,000
Aaron Feis Guardian Program	500,000	67,000,000	67,500,000
School Hardening Grant		98,962,286	98,962,286
Safe Schools Allocation	161,956,019		161,956,019
Mental Health Assistance Allocation	69,237,286		69,237,286
TOTALS	235,637,698	173,162,286	408,799,984

Office of Safe Schools Origins

The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act, Chapter 2018-3, Laws of Florida:

- Created s. 1001.212, F.S., which launched the Office of Safe Schools, to include:
 - Florida Safe School Assessment Tool (FSSAT)
 - Training and technical assistance for school district personnel
 - School Safety Specialist training program
 - Safe Schools data portal
 - Hardening grants
 - FortifyFL education
- Allocated funding for 3 full-time staff.

2024 - 2025 Funding

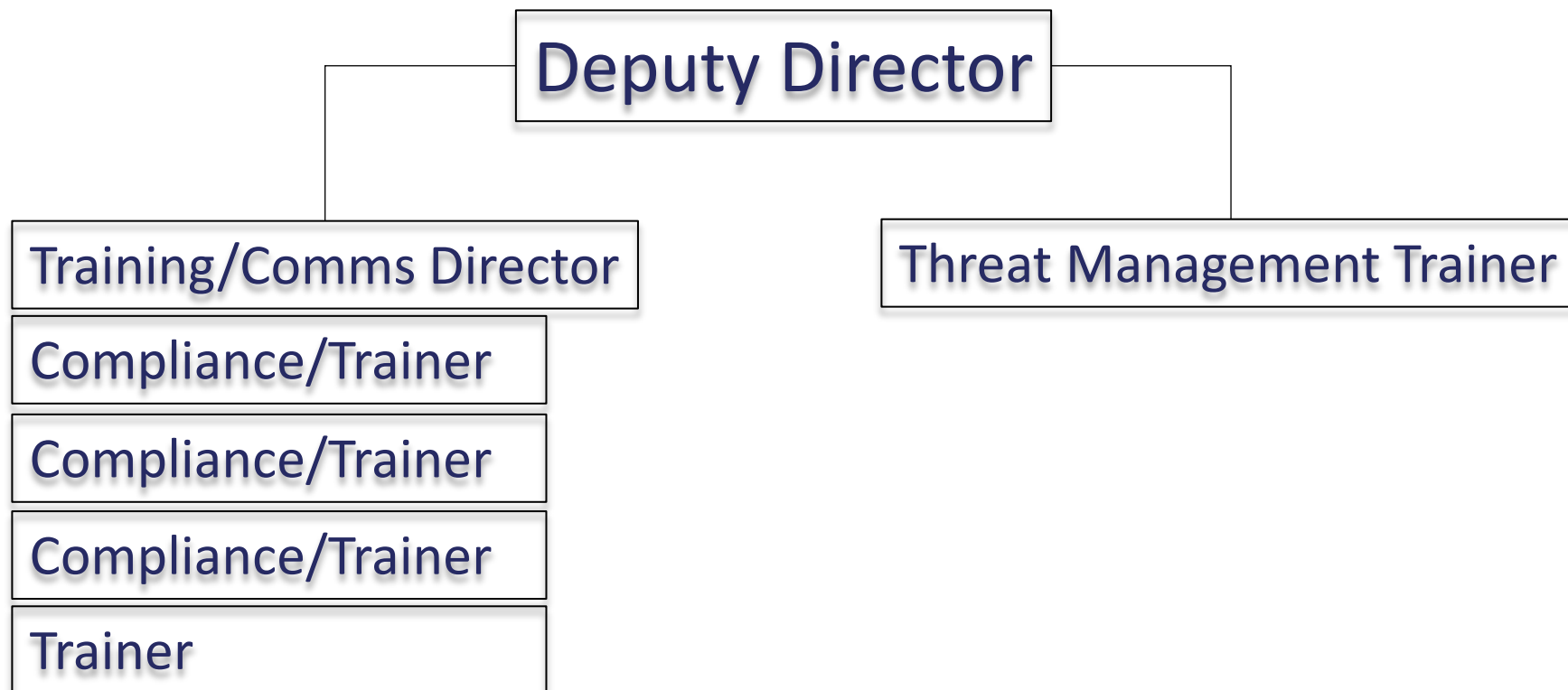
Project	Recurring	Non-Recurring	Total
Office of Safe Schools Funding	3,230,614	70,525	3,301,139
Alyssa's Alert	6,400,000		6,400,000
Active Shooter Training	100,000		100,000
Reunification/Diversion	425,000		425,000
Mental health Awareness Training	5,500,000		5,500,000
Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT)	845,000	350,000	1,195,000
School Safety Portal	3,000,000		3,000,000
Florida Safe Schools Canine Program	3,306,121	175,000	3,481,121
District Threat Management Coordinators	5,000,000		5,000,000
Threat Management Portal	5,000,000		5,000,000
SESIR System	1,500,000		1,500,000
Guardian Program	6,500,000		6,500,000
School Hardening Grant		42,000,000	42,000,000
Safe Schools Allocation	290,000,000		290,000,000
Mental Health Assistance Allocation	180,000,000		180,000,000
TOTALS	510,806,735	50,570,525	561,377,260

Office of Safe Schools Staffing 2024

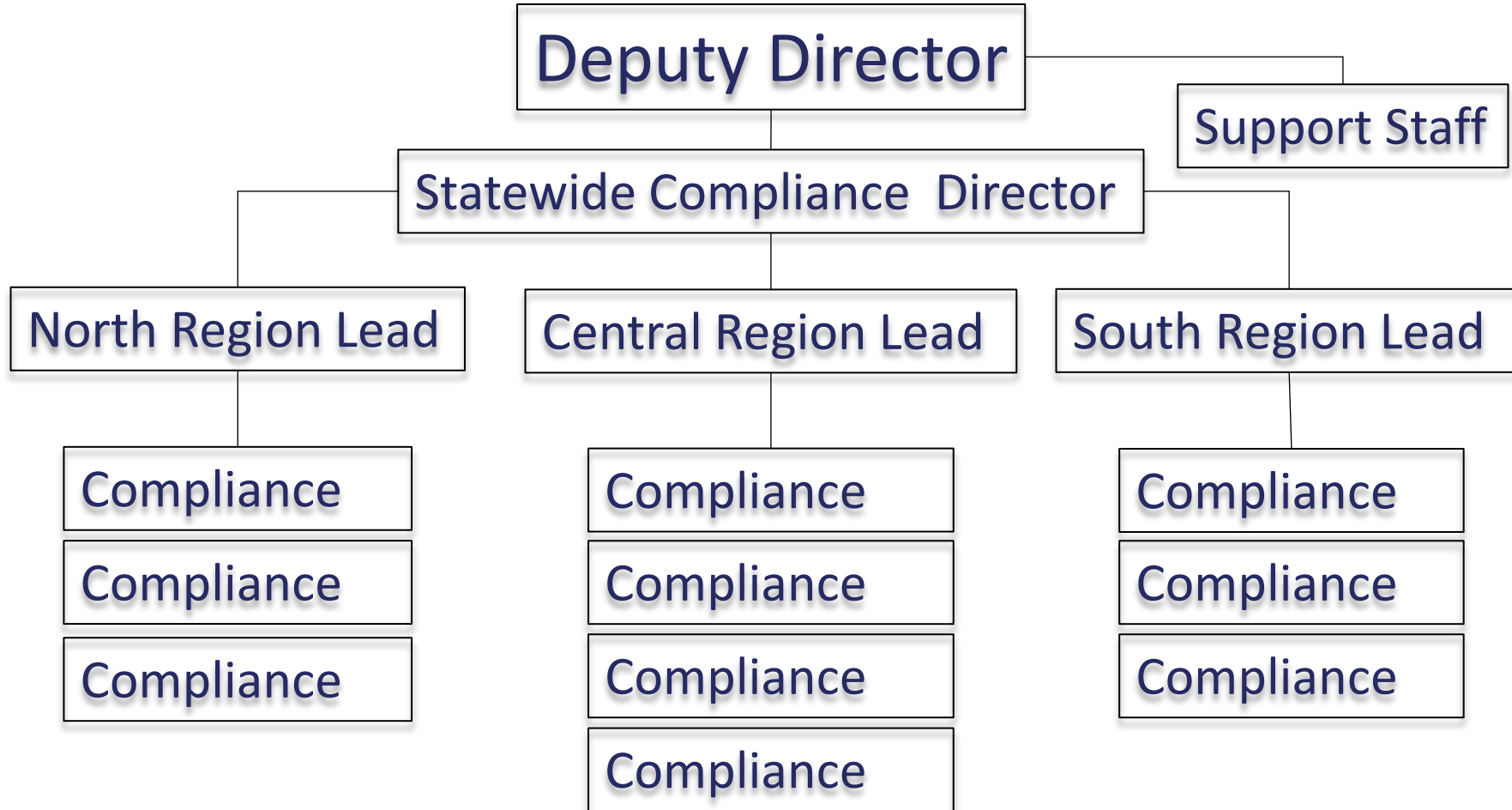


37 Total Positions

Office of Safe Schools – Threat Management & Training

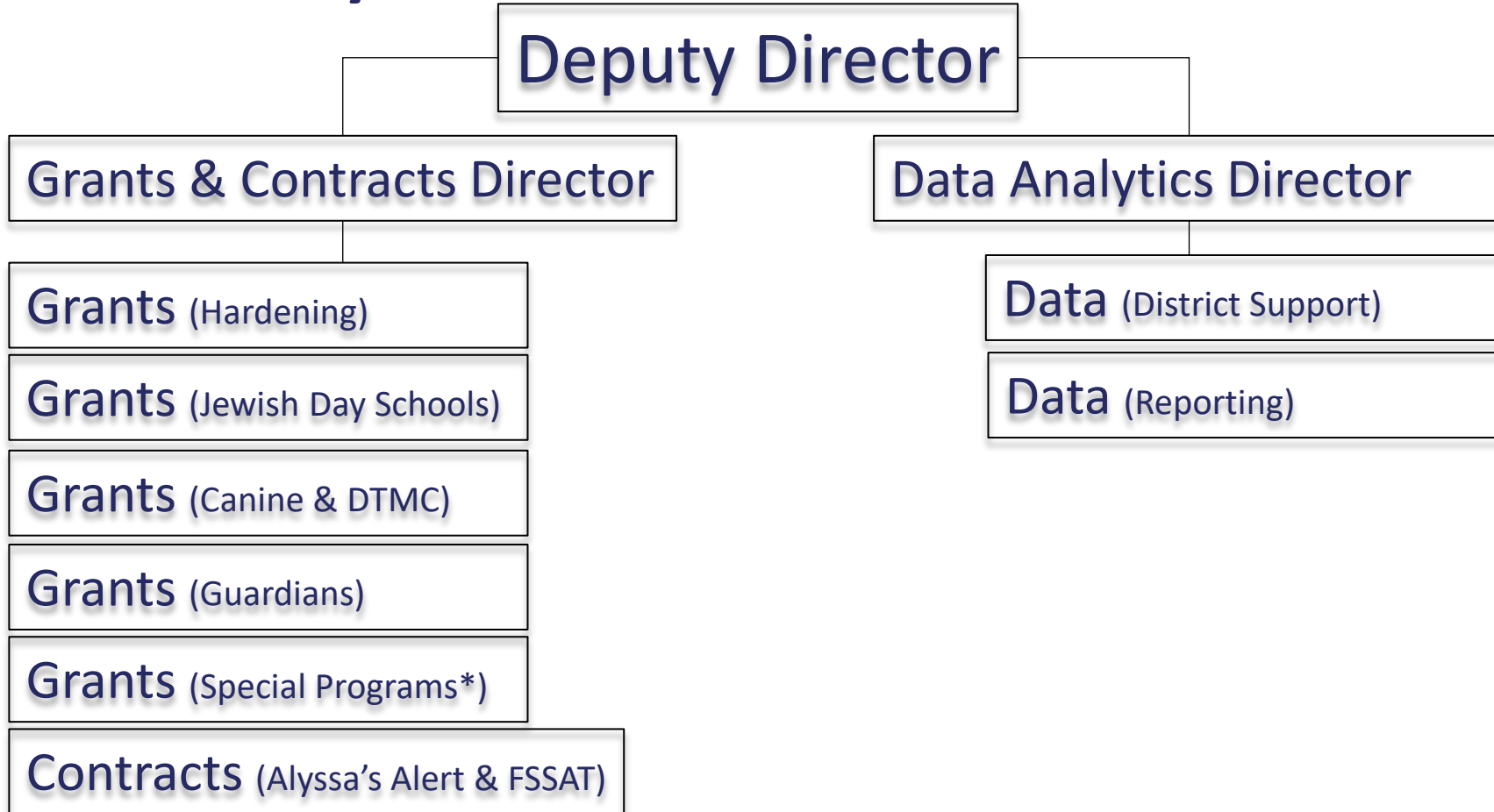


Office of Safe Schools – Compliance





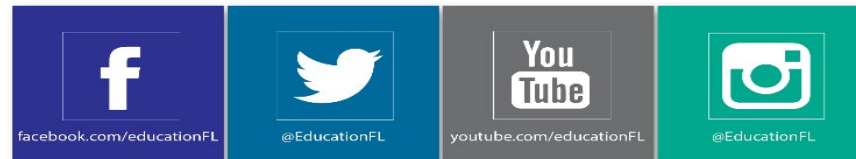
Office of Safe Schools – Contracts, Grants & Data Analytics



*School Safety Specialist training,
bleeding control kits, local projects



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