

Robbinsville Schools Security Update

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Core Value

Create safe, positive, and joyful places of learning for our students.



Goal Setting: Realistic vs. Unrealistic Goals

Realistic Goals:

Continual vigilance and improvement

Reduce likelihood of events

Reduce impact from events

Unrealistic Goals:

Prevent anything from happening

Spend tons of money

Convince everyone it's ok

DETER AND DELAY

Background

August 2013...Comprehensive Third Party Security Audit - The Security Auditors found

“...that RPSD staff, parents, vendors, emergency responders and board members have strong concerns relative to security and a strong desire to maintain effective security. This attitude was prevalent at all levels and will be the cornerstone for success going forward.”

Audit Results

Strengthened Visitor Management Protocols and Policies

Implemented recommendations during 2013-2015 construction and renovation project including:

- Increase in cameras
- Secure visitor check-in protocol
- Employee fingerprint access
- Secure vestibules
- Bollards

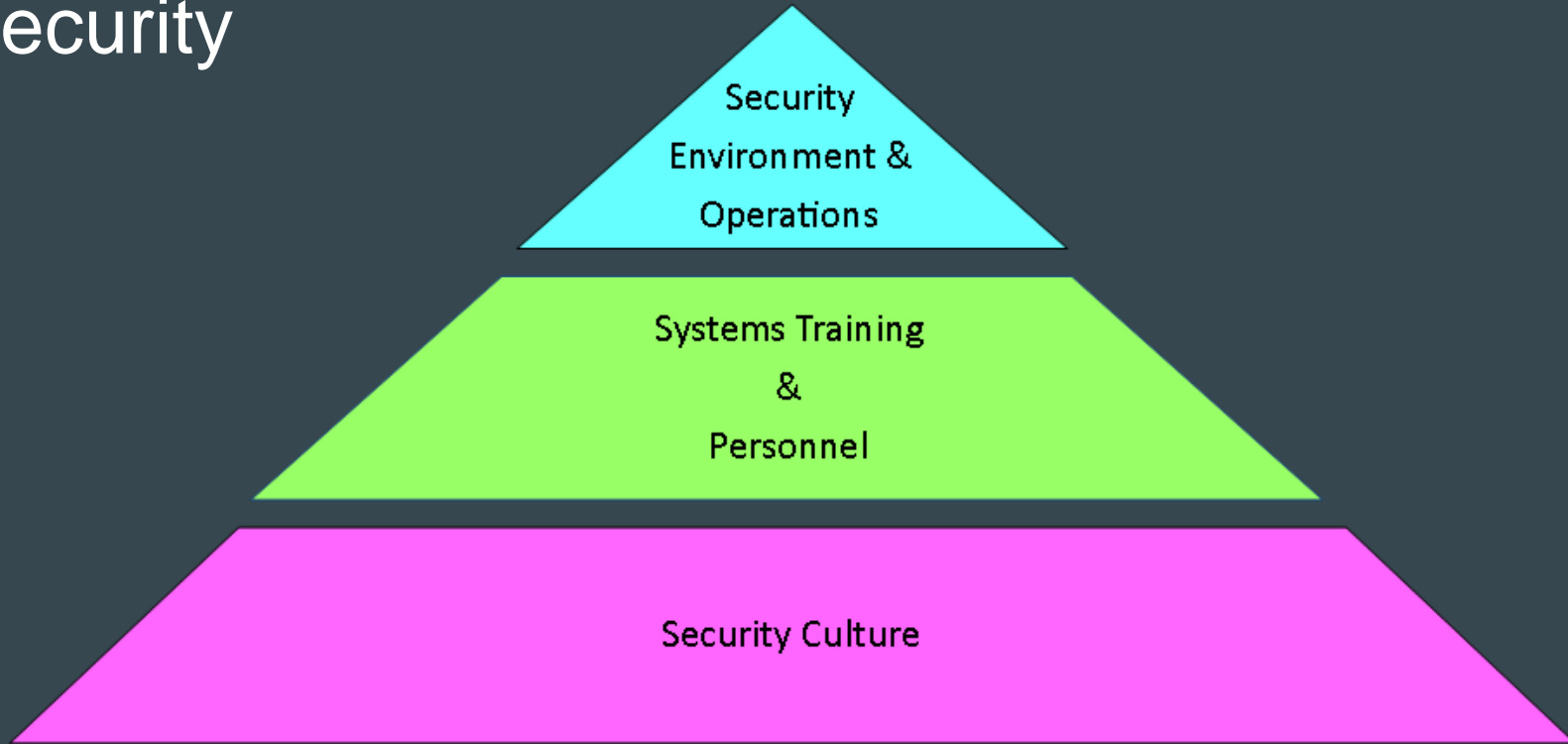
School Resource Officers

In 2014, RHS welcomed Officer Ed Vincent, our first SRO.



In September 2018 Kevin Colgan will begin service at Pond Road Middle School and Melyssa Alonso will take on the role of SRO at Sharon Elementary School

Framework for Achieving Best Practices in Security



Security Environment & Operations

Physical Access:

Doors, Entrances, Bollards at Sharon and Pond

Technology Enhancements:

Cameras, Panic Buttons, Walkie Talkies

Digitally Map the Schools



Security Drills

- Monthly unannounced drills which include the 4 required drill scenarios:
 - Shelter in Place
 - Lockdown
 - Active Shooter
 - Evacuation
- Monthly fire drills
- Coordinate Drills with First Responders/Train w/ Striker Chair & MedSled

Systems, Training, & Personnel

- Updated policies regarding School Security, Security Camera Access, Visitor Management
- Yearly meeting to update Memorandum of Agreement with the Robbinsville Township Police
- Designated Security Teams at each building
- Ongoing training for staff and substitutes
- Participate in large scale county-wide drills and simulated training exercises
- Mercer County Rapid Response Team Members

Security Culture

Each member of the school community shares the responsibility of safety, security, and situational awareness. Proactive communication is vital.

"If You See Something, Say Something[®]" engages the public in protecting our schools through awareness-building, partnerships, and other outreach.

-US Department of Homeland Security

Who or **what** you saw;
When you saw it;
Where it occurred; and
Why it's suspicious.

Mental and Emotional Health - Student Outreach

A critical component of maintaining secure schools involves creating an environment in which students feel accepted.

- K-8 Responsive Classroom (daily Morning Meetings)
- 9-12 Positive Education Initiative (PEI)
- Kindness and Respect Weeks, school promise, daily announcements
- Rachel's Challenge
- Campfire Kids and student support assemblies
- School Climate and Culture Teams

Mental & Emotional Health - Parent Outreach

2017-2018 School Year

- Parent Information Night - Recovering From Tragedy - September 12, 2017
- Emergency Management Parent Night - October 11, 2017
- Mercer County Superintendents Call to Action - December 13, 2017 , January 9, & May 10, 2018 - Preventing Youth Suicide

Parent and Student Input

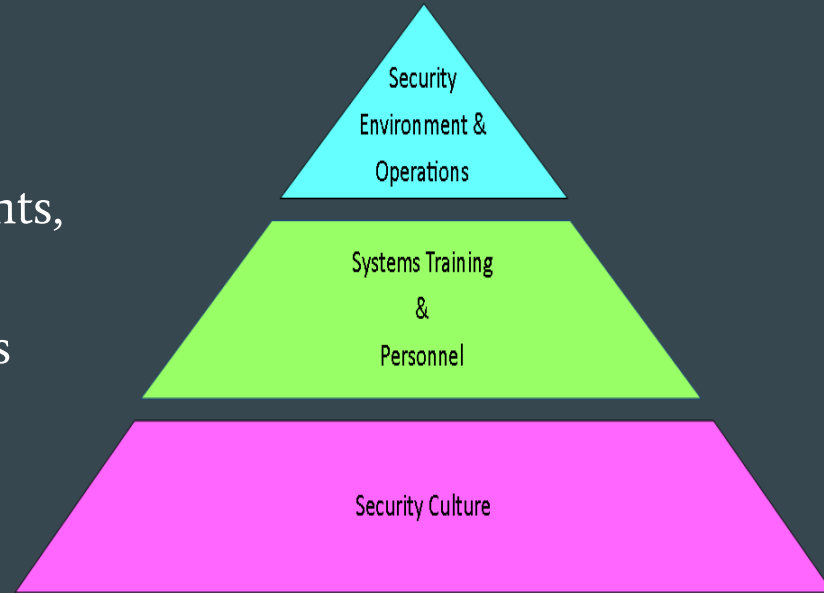
Shortly after the Parkland tragedy, a group of Robbinsville parents got together to discuss school security. They compiled a list of ideas / suggestions within the following categories for the district to consider.

- Infrastructure
- Security Personnel & All Staff
- Procedures
- Training / Support
- School Culture
- Funding

Of the 68 suggestions, 41 have been or are being implemented and 1 (the Tip Line) is slated for 2018-2019 implementation.

New Security Measures for the 2018-2019 School Year

- Two additional SROs
- Use of Lockers at RHS
- Lanyards and ID cards for staff, RHS students, substitutes, and visitors
- Updated Crisis Plans for the district schools
- Additional Training for Substitutes
- 2 Certified School Safety Specialists
- 9 Administrators certified in Incident Command System Training
- Additional guidance counselor
- Tip Line



- Behavioral Health Wrap Around Program

Keys to Success



Questions?