

2008 Great Lakes Homeland Security Training Conference & Expo

April 23 – School Workshops

8:00 - 9:00 AM

Michigan School Preparedness and Response Curriculum

– Panel

When confronted by an emergency, it is vital that children know how to respond. Allowing them to participate in disaster planning is a way to build their confidence and reduce anxiety. To prepare Michigan's children, the Michigan Department of Community Health Office of Public Health Preparedness (MDCH/OPHP), in collaboration with the Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD), the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), are creating a Kindergarten through 12th grade disaster preparedness and response curriculum. The School Preparedness and Response Curriculum will be integrated in the Michigan Model for Health as an all-hazards curriculum with age-appropriate lesson plans. This session will provide an overview of the School Preparedness and Response Curriculum, the Michigan State Police Teaching, Educating and Mentoring (T.E.A.M.) School Liaison Program, and the Michigan Model for Health. This panel will include Byron Doty, MA, of the MDE; Sgt. Jerry King of the MSP/EMHSD, and Ashley VandeKopple of the MDCH/OPHP.

9:30 - 10:30 AM

School Security: Violence and the Domestic Terror Threat

– Chief Erroll Southers, Los Angeles Airport Police

The events of the past decade have changed the way we look and respond to the threats of violence on our campuses. "Active Shooters" and domestic terrorist adherents present a formidable challenge to maintaining a safe, positive environment for our students. This session will present an overview of the threat and provide cost-effective, participatory solutions to enhance school security. Chief Southers has served as a consultant to many public and independent schools and their associations, particularly since the assailants have had a nexus to extremist groups.

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Safe School Initiative

– Jeffrey Frost, Ph.D., Resident Agent in Charge, Secret Service Grand Rapids Resident Office

In 2002, the U.S. Secret Service completed the Safe School Initiative, a study of school shootings and other school-based attacks conducted in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education. This workshop will discuss the findings of the Safe School Initiative, Protective Intelligence, and Threat Assessment Investigations, as well as the implications for managing threats and threatening situations.

1:30 - 2:30 PM

School Crisis Management Practical Solutions

– Tom Mynsberge, University of Michigan- Flint

This session will explain the Saginaw Intermediate School District (ISD) program which defines practical responses to school violence, lockdowns, bomb threat reactions, and shelter-in-place for chemical incidents. Additional school responses such as enhanced roles for the ISD's, large event security, as well as coordinated training for responders will be introduced. These practical procedures can be easily implemented and used immediately.