

## **Keller ISD Safety and Security Update – July 2018**

At the July 23, 2018, Keller ISD Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, KISD's Safety and Security Department presented an update on upgrades made to the District's security infrastructure ahead of the 2018-19 school year.

### **Door Numbering**

We have begun installing door numbering on our campuses. The purpose is to provide a faster way to give a location in an emergency. This allows staff and students the ability, while under stress, to give first responders a way to identify the location and respond to the threat quickly.

The Fort Worth SWAT team conducted an active shooter training using the door numbering system at one of our campuses to replicate an emergency event and provided them the advantage to locate injured personnel and respond to the threat quickly.

### **Wands**

The Security Department will be providing wands and holsters to all secondary campuses. In addition to being cost effective, unlike metal detectors, wands can be used anywhere, at any time, without limitations. Wands can also provide random screenings of students, much like the K9 drug detection dogs.

Wands eliminate the possibility of having students standing outside waiting to gain access to the campus and becoming an easier target for an active shooter. Metal detectors can only truly be effective if we have one placed at every door or assign personnel to watch every door while we process students through the apparatus.

### **Additional Student Resource Officers**

Along with the SROs assigned to KHS and KCAL, KISD will be hiring a mobile Keller SRO specifically assigned to patrol and respond to our remaining campuses in the city of Keller. We have also secured a permanent Fort Worth SRO for FHMS and are requesting a mobile officer from FWPD to patrol the remaining secondary campuses in Fort Worth.

### **K9**

As we continue to be proactive, will be adding a trained gun detection canine to our random patrols. We will be the only district in Texas with a gun detection K9 exclusive to a school district. We now have available to us, at any time, a drug, bomb, and gun detection canine to assist in securing and patrolling our campuses. The K9 will wear a vest identifying its role this can also serve as a strong deterrent.

### **Parents on Patrol (POP)**

To help partner with the community in keeping our students and staff safe, we have developed a new program that will elicit community volunteers to help patrol our campus during high volume times. We will be providing campuses with posters, flyers, and direct contact information. Volunteers will be vetted with background checks before being assigned to campuses. They will be provided radios and security vests to identify themselves. They are only assigned to observe, report and be visible.

### **Fire Alarm Delay**

After meeting with the fire marshal regarding a potential threat of an active shooter pulling a fire alarm pull station, it was recommended that we institute a fire alarm delay system. This will only require an adjustment to the fire panel, which indicates the location of the pull station that has been activated. We can then determine whether there is a need to evacuate our campuses. The reasoning behind this proactive approach is that the latest events have involved active shooters attempting to cause as much harm to as many people by activating the fire alarm pull stations. We will be reprogramming all fire alarm pull stations with a 1-3-minute delay. This will reduce false alarms and secure students from leaving the campuses unnecessarily. Also, this will ensure the safety of students from being potential targets of a shooting threat.

### **Strobe Lights**

We have purchased emergency strobe lights and will be installing them in high-volume areas, such as gyms, cafeterias, band halls, and outside areas in the upcoming weeks. The strobe lights will automatically be activated when the telecenter emergency system is deployed. This notification will alert faculty and students who are unable to hear emergency announcements. It will also provide an alert notification to outside KISD personnel and any persons approaching the campus that a lockdown has been initiated.

Keller ISD's Safety and Security Department will continue to be creative and innovative and explore new ideas in technology while always adhering to industry best practices.