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## **ARKANSAS SCHOOL SAFETY COMMISSION INAGURAL MEETING**

**March 13, 2018**

- **Vision:**

**To make Arkansas's Children and School Personnel in  
K-12 Schools Safer.**

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### ■ Mission:

Through a report, advise the Governor and the Department of Education on school safety across Arkansas and make recommendations on changes needed to increase safety in K-12 schools.



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- **GOAL:**

**Study and analyze the safety of K-12 schools throughout the State taking into consideration the physical and mental health of students.**



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### ■ GOAL:

**Study the architecture and construction of school buildings as it relates to the safety of students and staff in those buildings, including prevention and response to active shooter threats.**



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- GOAL:

Consider any and all issues associated with school safety.



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### ■ GOAL:

Undertake school visits, visits with SROs, building principals, counselors, superintendents and others to have a comprehensive view of this topic.





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- **GOAL:**

**Preliminary report due to Governor Hutchinson on July 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Final report due no later than November 30, 2018.**



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**Comprehensive School Safety:**

**Prevent, Protect, Mitigate, Response, Recovery**





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### ■ FOCUS AREAS:

#### – Legal Issues

- Act 484 of 2013 (Safe Schools Initiative Act)
- Act 950 of 2015 (School Safety Act of 2015)
- Act 541 of 2017 (Security Records/FOIA)
- Act 905 of 2011 (Cyberbullying)
- School current legal/policy requirements

#### – Intelligence/Communication

- Current Practice
- Fusion Centers
- Panic Button



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### ■ FOCUS AREAS:

- **Safety and Security Audits**
  - **Current Status**
  - **Strategies**
- **Emergency Operation Plans and Active Shooter Drills**
  - **Current Practice**
  - **CRASE Included**



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### ■ FOCUS AREAS:

#### – Law Enforcement and Security

- School Resource Officers (SROs)
- Commissioned School Security Officers (CSSOs)
- Auxiliary Officers/Deputies
- School Visitations by LE
- Combinations of the above

#### – Considerations

- Training
- Funding
- Choice of Personnel



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### ■ FOCUS AREAS:

#### – Physical Security

- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- Single Point of Entry
- Electronic Access Badges
- Door Locks
- Metal Detectors
- Other Strategies



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### ■ FOCUS AREAS:

- **Mental Health**
  - **Current State**
  - **Mental Health First Aid**
  - **Crisis Intervention**
  - **Suicide Prevention**
  - **Other Strategies**





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### ■ FOCUS AREAS:

- Prevention
  - Safety and Security Teams
  - Behavioral Threat Assessment Teams
  - School Climate Surveys
  - Anonymous Tips (Say Something, Safe 2 Tell)
  - Break the Cycle (Domestic Violence)
  - Adult Predatory Behavior
  - Naloxone in Schools
- School Bus and Transportation





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**Thank you!**