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

**March 13, 2018**

- **Vision:**

**To make Arkansas's K-12 Schools Safer.**



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## Arkansas School Safety Commission

### ■ 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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## **Arkansas School Safety Commission**

**Identify What is Currently Going On**

**Identify Best Practices**

**Fill in the Gaps**



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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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■ **Thank You!!**

**Commissioner Johnny Key**

Leadership and Support of the Arkansas School Safety Commission



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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 Center
- Panic Buttons



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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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### ■ FORMATION OF SUCOMMITTEES:

- Legal Will Jones
- Intelligence/ Communication Jami Cook
- Audits, EOPs, Active Shooter Drills AJ Gary
- LE & Security Tim Helder
- Physical Security & Transportation B. Montgomery
- Mental Health/Prevention Lori Poston
- School Visits (Ad Hoc) Don Kaminar



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- Full Commission Presentations:
  - Dr. Betsy Kindall
  - Arkansas Center for School Safety
  - ADE Safe Schools Committee
  - Clarksville CSSO Program/ASP Administration
  - Texas School Safety Center
  - Arkansas Association of Ed. Administrators
  - Arkansas School Boards Association



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### ■ Full Commission Presentations:

- SROs
  - Bubba Jones, Mountain Home
  - Phil Blaylock, Morrilton
- Westside School District
- Arkansas Teachers Association
- LR School District: School Climate Survey
- Public Comment: May 30<sup>th</sup>



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### ■ School Visits:

- Crossett School District
- Conway School District
- Bentonville School District
- Ouachita School District
- 4-5 Additional School Districts to Visit