

**Strategies for A Changing Environment**



# K-12 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS





Our security assessments analyze and document gaps in school security and provide cost/benefit mitigation recommendations.



All-hazards emergency and crisis response plans elevate district compliance to NIMS, ICS, and ICP standards.

School administrators, resource officers, and safety officials share responsibility for ensuring a safe and secure learning and work environment. The risks they face in K-12 districts are challenging and complex. Teachers, parents, and students want to be reassured that their schools have taken steps to reduce the likelihood of tragedies like those suffered at Columbine and Red Lake, Minnesota.

A proactive emergency management program—planned cooperatively with first responders in the community—can help minimize the incidence of bodily injury, property damage, and liability. Sound programs are instrumental in helping schools stabilize, manage, and recover from incidents so they can get back to the fundamental business of education. Safety programs are supported—and often funded—by government agencies as part of the national effort to protect our schools and children.

## Unparalleled K-12 Emergency Preparedness Expertise

The K-12 Emergency Preparedness practice at Risk Solutions International provides schools with advice, consulting services, and solutions to their comprehensive emergency response and crisis management challenges.

Our professionals have worked with over 90 public school districts and 1,400 schools. They have conducted over 500 security and vulnerability assessments, developed more than 36 district-scale emergency response plans, equipped over 5,000 classrooms with emergency procedures guides, and trained thousands of school and community safety officials in over 115 drills, simulations, tabletop exercises, and training classes.

Our professionals bring over 125 years of experience in K-12, governmental, and commercial emergency management; community policing; law enforcement; and anti-terrorism. They are experts in chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, explosive (CBRNE), and weapons of mass destruction (WMD) preparedness. They maintain the highest professional certifications and credentials and have contributed to current national standards.

Our references, qualifications, and experience are unmatched by large corporate or “boutique” consultants. Our professionals are contracted by the U.S. Department of Education itself to train its grant recipients in emergency management.

## Services and Solutions

Risk Solutions International provides K-12 school districts and educational cooperatives with a complete portfolio of services. Our plans, materials, training, and deliverables address the four phases of emergency management: prevention/mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

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Our solutions are NIMS, ICS, and ICP compliant. They meet all federal, state, and local regulations—and are considered industry best practices. They address all natural and man-made hazards, including weather, gang violence, chemical spills, biological releases, WMD, CBRNE, power outages, floods, and terrorism. Our services include:

- \* Capabilities & Needs Assessments
- \* Security & Vulnerability Assessments
- \* Mitigation Strategies
- \* Comprehensive Emergency Response Plans
- \* Crisis Communications Guides
- \* Evacuation Procedures
- \* Classroom Emergency Procedures Guides
- \* Orientations, Drills, and Tabletop/Functional/Full-Scale Exercises
- \* Program Evaluations that meet GPRA Guidelines

## Grant Programs

Risk Solutions International works closely with K-12 school districts seeking grant funding from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools. This Office manages and administers several competitive grant programs—such as the Emergency Response/Crisis Management Grant and Safe Schools Grant—which help schools create programs to respond to safety and security risks.

## Satisfied Clients

The mission of the K-12 Emergency Preparedness practice at Risk Solutions International is to become a true community partner with our school clients. We want to raise their awareness and improve the effectiveness of their crisis and safety programs so they can focus on education. Client satisfaction—from principals, SROs, and safety officials—is how we measure our success.

*"The Risk Solutions International team approached our emergency preparedness project with a high degree of professionalism. The results speak for themselves."*

– Peter LaDuca, Nassau BOCES, New York

*"RSI's responsiveness was outstanding. It helped us meet every deadline."*

– Richard Ponti, Virginia Beach City Public Schools, Virginia

*"RSI has been instrumental in assisting us in our comprehensive safe schools planning process."*

– Pete Summers, Fresno Unified School District, California



Thousands of classrooms nationwide use our emergency procedures guides to ensure that teachers follow proven protocols during incidents.



Our professionals conduct training, tabletop exercises, and drills for district-specific hazards, compliance standards, and incident management procedures.



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