

## DuPage County Regional Office of Education School Mutual Aid Response Team DuSMART - Executive Summary

**Purpose of the Mutual Aid Agreement and Plan** - This Mutual Aid Agreement and Plan is made in recognition of the fact that natural, human-caused, or technological occurrences may result in situations that are beyond the ability of individual school districts to manage and respond to effectively in terms of workforce and equipment resources on hand at a given time. Each Participating School Agency has and does express its intent to assist other Participating Agencies by assigning some of its workforce and equipment resources to an Impacted Agency as resources and situations allow. The specific intent of this Mutual Aid Agreement and Plan is to permit each Participating Agency to more fully safeguard the lives, persons, and property of all citizens within its respective Primary School District Jurisdiction.

**Mutual Aid Plan** - If an emergency situation occurs and an impacted agency needs assistance, that agency coordinates with their local emergency responders to manage the incident. The Incident Command is typically coordinated by the impacted agency. This is very similar to fire, police, and county homeland security mutual aid agreements.

Whenever an Emergency Situation is of such magnitude and consequence that it is deemed advisable by the School District executive administrator of the impacted Agency, and the local resources are not available to manage the situation, the callout of DuSMART personnel and equipment will be as follows:

1. Call the DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Duty Officer 24 hours a day - 630-682-7207
2. Call Out System - the Call Out system will be used to notify designated DuSMART school administrative personnel. A survey on the call out will indicate if the personnel are able to respond immediately, within the hour, or if they are unable to respond.
3. Confirmation of Activation method - local police department.

The formation of the DuSMART Bylaws shall be organized by the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee shall conduct the business and make recommendations to the Regional Superintendent.

**Programs for Response and Recovery** - The impacted School District requests assistance and is in need of additional human resources to carry out the Emergency Operations Plan response and recovery for the following incidents that include, but are not limited to: *Family Reunification; Mass Casualty Event; Grief and Loss Response; and natural, human-caused, or technological disasters.*

**Professional Development** - Cooperative training for school administrators will include, but is not limited to: *Family Reunification, School Preparedness, National Incident Management Training, exercises, scenarios, and other training* as organized by the DuPage School Safety Task Force.

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