

Minutes of the School Safety & Security meeting September 24, 2024 Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District

Location: John H. Harrell Auditorium, 1 Coyote Trail, Uvalde, Texas 78801.
The meeting began at 5:30pm

Members present: Ashley Chohlis, Anne Marie Espinoza, Cash Keith, Victor Baron, Nichole Henderson, David Zamora, Mario Rangel, Josh Guterrez, Melissa Castaneda, , Pedro Huizar, Cal Lambert, Laura Perez, Charlie Black, Forrest Anderson, Van Zabava, Michelle Ortega, Daniel Rodriguez, Homer Delgado, Daniel Rodriguez, Matthew Porter, Brenda Faulkner, Kevin King, Stephen Stephens, Aisha Jackson, Mario Santoya, Richard Dadd, Mike Davis

Staff present: Mikka Sanchez

Guests: Linnea Fortner, Denise Feltdman, Jennifer Williams, Ruben Torres, Omar Porras, Anais Marin, Angelica Ortega, Mike Flores, Nicole Ogburn, Laura Garza, Jaclyn Gonzales, Tina Quintanilla, Maricela Zamarripa

1. Public Comment

- Linnea Fortner- Parent Project
- Laura Garza - City Council same night, after school activities, metal detectors, clear backpacks
- Tina Quintanilla - Graduated steps to rehabilitate students, fining parents TEC 37.144

2. Introduction of new personnel

Everyone introduced themselves.

3. Compliance Updates

A. TEA Door Audits

We have these once a month during the school year. TEA tries to enter the perimeter at a campus. We have a locked door policy, so they try to get into every classroom door. As long as they cannot get in there are no findings. We finished the Spring with no findings. We did not have any audits in September but we have two campuses scheduled in October. They do not tell us what campuses but we do have everything in place and are ready.

B. District & Campus Safety Audits

a. Completed September 9 - September 12

b. Slidesoft App in use

Thank you to all who participated in the District Campus Safety Audit. We had 62 participants from across Uvalde, the county, the state and country who divided up into teams and helped us audit every facility in the district according to the standards set forth by the Texas School Safety Center. There are about 6,000 questions on templates and spreadsheets. SlideSoft put an app into place for our district to use the process as a living assessment that will be ongoing when

someone sees an issue, they can log it at any time. They helped train our people and now our safety team is able to check everything everyday on every campus. If there is something non compliant or not working we are able to get a report and fix it right away.

The Safety team is able to report things that are non compliant every day. We will be able to print out reports starting next week. This will show us our priority areas and what we should focus our efforts on for every campus and facility and will be ongoing. The dream is we will be getting an email every time something is added to the app and is non compliant. It gives us a percentage of compliance when something is broken we can put a work order in and will know right away that something is broken and will have priority levels of broken things. Some things are impossible such as a trip hazard and other things and will be a high level of safety probably like a door lock and needs to be fixed immediately.

We worked on this September 9th through September 12th. Generally those audits are done every three years. That is the requirement for the State of Texas. Ours will be a living assessment so ours will be ongoing so we always have that information at our fingertips. If our school board requests a report for Dalton safety, we are able to hit a button and give a presentation to see where we are at on any campus or facility. We are excited to have a partnership with Slidesoft. This was provided at no cost to the district.

We will have these audits annually and will be partnering with this committee and others outside of the committee to help us. It may not all be done in one week. We will probably break into teams and get one campus at a time over three months in the future. This will help outside entities get eyes on the whole thing.

C. Emergency Operations Procedures

a. Emergency Responders Walkthroughs Completed

In July, as required by the State of Texas, we invited all First Responders to walk all our buildings. We appreciate all who came in. We had pretty big groups. Some of you here may have joined us. There was a show of hands in the committee. Zeke De La Fuente put this together.

b. Maps

Centegix has prepared maps. The maps have been shared with law enforcement. Ashley Chohlis asked the committee if they have received maps

When we go into closed session we have the map and EOP for the committee to look at and let us know if you want copies.

c. Cybersecurity Annex Completed

Cash and his team worked on the Cybersecurity Annex. We will be uploading that to Sentinel, the State safety portal, by October 23rd with our Emergency Operations Plan which has been updated. Everyone will get into groups of two in a closed session. You will be given a checklist to go through the Emergency Operations Plan, then go through the checklist to make sure everything is there. Give any feedback on the EOP. The Cybersecurity Annex and AI Annex's are in place.

D. Campus Drills Scheduled

All of our drills are scheduled. Fire drills are done once a month. I am not sure what is required by the Uvalde County Fire Marshall. Mario Rangel offered to reach out to the Fire Marshall. We do our drills with scenarios. Administrators go to a staff member having the faculty lead the drill. When appropriate click the Centegix badge. They debrief the entire staff at the end of the day or at the next staff meeting. *Mario Rangel found out from the Fire Marshall that we should continue to adhere to the State requirement for fire drills.

a. Fire Drills: required 2 per semester if no guidance is provided by your local fire Marshall (TEC§37.114)

b. Secure Drill: 1 per school year

c. Lockdown Drill: 2 per school year (one per semester)

d. Evacuation Drill: 1 per school year

e. Shelter-in-Place Drill (for either Severe Weather or Hazmat): 1 per school year

4. New Safety Measures

New safety measures we have in place are still using the Standard Response Protocol. Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, Shelter

A. Centegix (still SRP)

We have moved from Raptor to Centegix. Centegix does not count on cell service. Anywhere we are including bus drivers in the bus circle from which I understand we had a bus driver in a bus had to press the badge for administrator assistance for a situation. The badges have been working and we have people who are assigned to check the “health” of the badges remotely, by computer monthly.

B. Hazel Health

We have Hazel Health in place. We have iPads in every nurses station in the district. Kids have access to no cost health care. The nurse can dial a telehealth doctor so that she can give our students aspirin and Pepto Bismol in the nurses clinic. If the doctor recommends the student sees a doctor in person then they can send them to our in district clinic. Please utilize the school based clinic. Hazel Health is available Monday - Saturday 7 am - 7 pm in 50 languages. It is also for mental health. Parents have access to connect with Hazel Health for their children at home as well. It doesn't have to be the nurse at school. Parents can access from home.

Physical and mental health is available if a student just wants to talk to someone.

C. Community Health Development Inc. (CHDI) School Based Clinic

The clinic is for all students and staff at no cost. Please utilize the school based clinic. With CHDI we have learned that 30 percent of our students are uninsured. Parent liaisons can help with the application process for CHIPS and Medicaid. Please spread the word. We can help with health care. We are also bringing dental health professionals to the district for students. We will

do sealants and the weekly fluoride swish in their PE classes every Friday. Healthy kids come to school for an education and they will feel better and are happier.

Any questions? There were none.

The School Based Clinic located at Crossroads, which is the Benson Campus. The entrance is on Park Street. You check in at the front office then walk around to the clinic to visit the doctor. They make it simple to get in. You can make an appointment but they take walk-ins.

All of these are at no cost to the district. We have grants with CHDI, Superior Health, Hazel Health and Centegix.

D. Behavior Threat Assessment Tool

The BTA tool we are using is also an app through Slidesoft. They have given this to us and Uvalde County. The coolest thing is we will be able to share files as appropriate. If we feel like a student may be a threat not only in the district but also outside of school we are able to share the file with the county so they are aware as well. We can also send it to Uvalde PD so they are also aware. It will help us create a plan at school and outside of school for any child displaying threatening behavior. We have worked very well with Officer Zamora of Uvalde PD and Shayne Gilland with the DA's office. Sgt. Castaneda is doing a fantastic job making sure our kids who have needed support in the Behaviour Threat Assessment, that they've gotten it.

These are all the updates. Does anyone have any questions?

Question was asked if we can share Slidesoft information with Zavala Co.

Ashley Chohlis responded: We can share whatever information you need.

Do yall have a county BTA team?

Yes, the county does. The district has BTA teams at each campus as well as a district BTA team.

Zavala Co. Deputy asked to be added to Centegix.

Ashley Chohlis responded: Reach out to the Batesville School officer and exchange numbers. That campus only goes up to the 8th grade. We can add you to Centegix.

5. Committee Updates

Next is sub committee updates

A. Zeke De La Fuente - Logistics

Ashley Chohlis shared Zeke had a situation come up.

B. Cash Keith and Niki Henderson - Liaison/Hospital notification

- We have met four times. Scheduled to continue quarterly
- Created a GroupMe and invited all who have attended the meetings to join
- Current participants: FBI, DPS, DA, Resiliency Center, Ministerial Alliance, UMH

- Border Patrol and Salvation Army were recommended to add
- Liaison Role/Subcommittee Summary

The liaison officer serves as the point of contact between the incident management and external agencies. This involves facilitating information exchange and managing requests for assistance, resources, and cooperation. They are also responsible for keeping all participating agencies updated on incident progress and decisions.

In the context of victim services, the liaison ensures that the needs of victims are integrated into the incident response. They coordinate with organizations that provide victim support, such as counseling, shelter, and medical assistance, ensuring these services are available and accessible during and after an incident.

C. Victor Baron - Reunification

The reunification sub-committee met on June 6, 2024. During the meeting, the reunification plan was reviewed. Revisions were made to the plan including adding a hospital support team, the communication liaison, and addressing the needs of individuals with disabilities. The reunification team has now grown to fifty individuals. The team will have update training and a drill the week of October 7th.

D. Anne Marie Espinoza - Communication

Since the last Safety Meeting in February 2024, the Joint Information Subcommittee has made significant progress in enhancing communication and coordination efforts. The subcommittee convened twice, on June 13th and August 24th, to advance several key initiatives.

The sub-committee has been proactive in maintaining an effective text thread for streamlined communication among members. This ensures prompt and transparent information sharing during emergencies, and our preparedness in this area should instill confidence in our stakeholders. Additionally, we have solidified an activation process and designated a primary location for operations while incorporating a backup point of contact for each agency involved. This redundancy aims to enhance reliability and continuity in crisis situations.

We also continue to review and refine agreed-upon procedures for statement coordination and the primary release of statements. These procedures ensure accurate and consistent information is disseminated to the public and stakeholders.

Training opportunities were another focal point, with discussions highlighting courses available to local agencies, such as the ICS Classes and Hazards Training for Rail Car Incident Response for Crude, Ethanol, and other Flammable Liquids. These training are essential for equipping personnel with the knowledge and skills to handle specific incidents.

Finally, the sub-committee is committed to enhancing the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) by developing resources for effective information distribution. This effort aims to significantly enhance the EOC's capacity to manage and disseminate critical information during emergencies, providing stakeholders with a sense of security about the EOC's capabilities.

With several trainings scheduled, the subcommittee is now planning the next meeting to continue this important work.

6. Closed Session

A closed session was held at 6:18 pm

A. Emergency Operations Procedures Review and Update

7. Adjournment 7:25 pm