Staff Travel Report
to
School Board of Trustees

Your recent request to travel has been approved. Within two weeks of the date of the conference, the following report is due in the office of the Deputy Superintendent.

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Staff Member: Ryan Robinson

School: Transportation

Conference: Grey Ram Tactical Presentation

Staff Assignment

Do not use acronyms
Location of Conference: Monroe, WA

Dates Attended: March 8th, 2025

General Overview: Do not use acronyms

Grey Ram Tactical specializes in disaster response training, equipping individuals with the skills needed to handle high-risk situations. We had the opportunity to visit a school site where they conducted live training for 200 school bus drivers, covering Active Shooter Response, Concealed Weapon Identification, Hijacking Awareness, and Intruder Training.

During the training, the instructor provided critical insights on recognizing warning signs, best practices for school bus drivers when faced with dangerous situations, and the debriefing and reporting procedures that should follow such events. One eye-opening statistic shared was that 90% of school shooters arrive at school via a school bus. This highlights the vital role bus drivers can play in identifying potential threats before they reach campus, potentially preventing tragedies before they occur.

The training also emphasized that school buses are prime targets for hijackers, as they transport the most precious cargo, children, who can be exploited by terrorists or ransom seekers. To prepare for such threats, the course combines classroom instruction with live, scenario-based training using a moving school bus. This real-life simulation allows participants to practice their responses in high-pressure situations. After each scenario, a debriefing session helps drivers assess their reactions and learn how to improve their responses.

The class is led by a team of retired military personnel and active and retired police officers, bringing real-world expertise to the training. Additional Training Offered by Grey Ram Tactical includes School Bus Crash Response and De-escalation Training

How will this impact student learning in a positive way?

Students learn best in a safe and positive environment, and nearly half of Lyon County School District's students rely on school buses for transportation. By equipping our school bus drivers with the training to identify potential threats and de-escalate situations before students even arrive at school, we can help create a secure and supportive learning environment from the moment their day begins.

How will I implement what I learned and how will I share

this information with my colleagues?

We visited this school site to evaluate this training program with the goal of incorporating it into our School District's annual in-service training for our Transportation Staff this summer. Regardless of whether we are able to contract with the company, school bus security will remain a key focus of our training this year.

Other Comments:

Across our district and the nation, schools are implementing a variety of security measures to combat the ongoing threats of violence and shootings. From metal detectors and single-point entries to armed security, campuses are being fortified to protect students and staff. However, one critical extension of the classroom remains vulnerable, the school bus.

While installing metal detectors or placing armed guards on every school bus may not be feasible, we can still take action. Training the individuals who operate these vehicles to recognize, respond to, and manage real threats is essential. In the face of a gunman, intruder, or hijacker, preparedness can make all the difference, helping drivers react appropriately, maintain control, and work toward the safest possible outcome.

Violence on school campuses and buses is a growing concern nationwide. My goal, and the goal of this training, is to address this challenge head-on, equipping school bus drivers with the knowledge and skills to protect the students they transport and quite possibly all the students in the school.

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Site Principal/Supervisor Approval

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