# School Safety Through Collaborative Efforts

Building safer schools through coordinated partnerships between Lee's Summit R-7 School District and local first responders. Our monthly coordination meetings bring together district leadership and emergency services to strengthen prevention, preparation, response, and recovery efforts across our community.







## Meet the Safety Leadership Team

Our district safety efforts are led by dedicated professionals who bring expertise from education, law enforcement, and emergency services. This core team meets regularly to coordinate strategies, share intelligence, and ensure seamless communication across all safety partners.

#### Steve Shelton (LSR7)

District Leadership Representative with extensive experience in educational operations and safety coordination.

## Ben Hicks (LSFD)

Fire Department Liason specializing in coordination of emergency medical services and fire protection.

#### Stephen Doogs (LSPD)

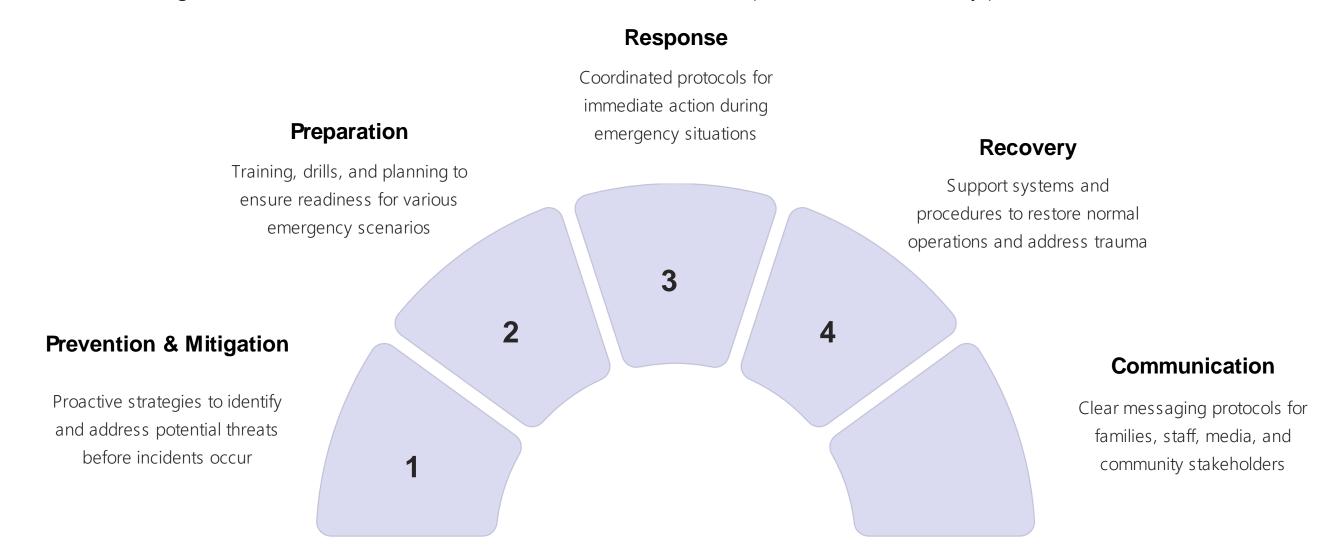
Law Enforcement Liaison specializing in school-based youth services and coordination of law enforcement emergency services and first responder preparedness

#### Ryan Hall (LSR7)

Emergency Management Coordinator ensuring comprehensive preparedness across all scenarios.

### **Monthly Coordination Meetings**

Our regular coordination meetings serve as the foundation for school safety planning and emergency preparedness. These structured sessions ensure alignment across all stakeholders and maintain continuous improvement in our safety protocols.



## Who Attends These Critical Meetings?

Effective coordination requires representation from all key stakeholders. Our monthly meetings bring together senior leadership from LSR7 and multiple first responder agencies, ensuring comprehensive coverage of all safety considerations.

#### LSR7 District Leadership

- Associate Superintendent of Operations
- Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education
- Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education
- Executive Director of Communications
- Manager of Safety and Environmental/Risk
- Special guests as needed

#### First Responder Partners

#### **Lee's Summit Police Department**

- Captain of Youth and School Services Unit (YSSU)
- YSSU Sergeant
- Public Information Officer

#### Lee's Summit Fire Department

- Deputy Chief of Operations
- Assistant Chief of Emergency Management

#### **Additional Jurisdictions**

- Southern Jackson County Fire Protection District
- Police Departments: Greenwood, Lake Lotawana, Lake Winnebago

## Sample Meeting Agenda

LSR7 and First Responders Coordination Meeting September 10, 2024 | 2:00 PM | Facility Services, 502 SE Transport Drive

#### **Strategic Topics**

- Crisis Communication Workshop
- Safety Priority Assessment Tool (PrAT)
- LSE First Day Incident Review
- LSHS Football Game Communication
- School Start-Up Procedures

#### Emerging Issues

- Activities Season Launch
- Artificial Intelligence Applications
- Wearable Devices for Emergency Notifications
- Georgia Shooting Response Analysis
- Large Event Crisis Training
- Open Roundtable Discussion

## **Prevention and Mitigation Strategies**



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#### **School Resource Officers**

Dedicated officers building relationships and providing daily security presence in our schools

#### **Impact Officers**

Community-focused officers working proactively with students and families to address concerns early





#### **Athletic Events Coverage**

Officers and ambulance services stationed at major athletic events for immediate response capability

#### **Pre-Year Site Inspections**

Comprehensive building and grounds assessments conducted before each school year begins

## Training Initiatives

LSR7 prioritizes comprehensive emergency preparedness through regular training exercises that involve both district staff and first responder partners. These real-world scenarios strengthen our collective response capabilities.

Fall 2022: Bleacher Collapse Response

LSW bleacher incident provided crucial training opportunity for LSPD and LSFD coordination

Ongoing: Specialized Training

Cyber Security (Homeland Security & FBI),

Transportation Safety (TSA), and Active Shooter

Response (LSPD)

Summer 2023: Reunification Rehears al

Family and Friends Reunification exercise with MARC, LSFD, and LSPD testing communication protocols

February 2026: Multi-Agency Exercise

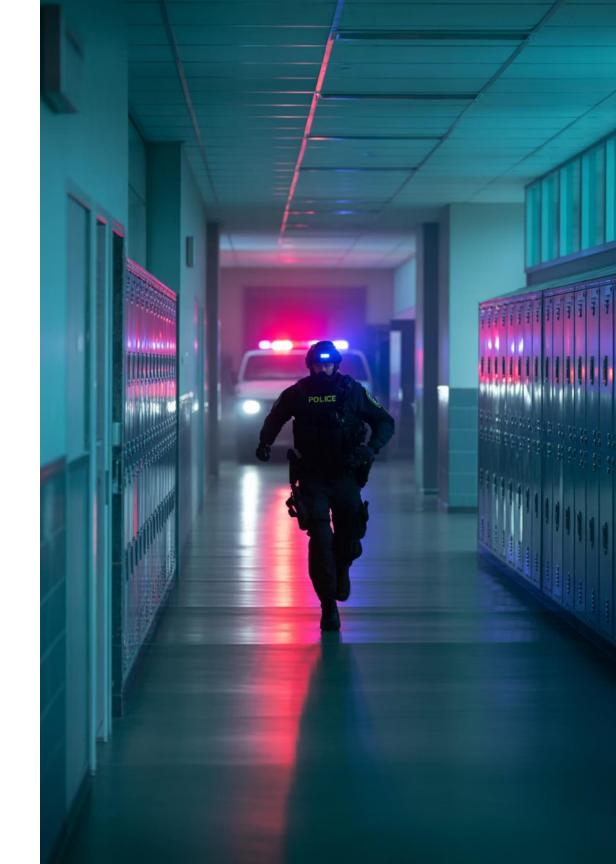
Large-scale coordinated training event planned with LSPD and LSFD partnership

# Lee's Summit Police Department Training Access

Through close collaboration with the LSR7 Building Facilities team, the Lee's Summit Police Department has been able to utilize multiple LSR7 facilities to conduct vital training exercises.

This partnership provides officers with realistic environments to practice active shooter response protocols while simultaneously training school staff on proper procedures.

Training Benefits: Officers gain familiarity with building layouts, staff understand law enforcement procedures, and both groups practice coordinated response in authentic school settings.



## Lee's Summit Fire Department Partnerships

1 Building Walkthroughs

LSFD conducts regular walkthroughs of all district facilities to maintain current knowledge of building layouts, access points, utility locations, and potential hazards. This familiarity ensures faster, more effective emergency response.

2 Joint Training with Police

Fire and police departments collaborate on school site training exercises, practicing coordinated responses to various emergency scenarios.

Fire Academy

Equips students for Firefighter certification through hands-on training in fire suppression, search and rescue, and basic first aid. Under the guidance of certified LSFD Firefighter instructors, students participate in drills involving fire hose operations, victim extrication, and emergency first aid, with the opportunity to earn national IFSTA Firefighter I & II certifications.



## Questions?

We welcome your questions and insights as we continue strengthening our collaborative approach to protecting students, staff, and our community.