



Full Scale School Crisis Drills

About SSAC:

The School Safety Advocacy Council (SSAC) was established as a collaborative partnership between education, law enforcement and emergency first responders. The council's primary focus remains the conducting of school safety assessments, school safety drills and exercises, as well as the delivery of training to school personnel and law enforcement.

The SSAC Staff and Advisory Board is made up of nationally recognized law enforcement executives, school administration and school safety professionals. The direct school safety experience of those who serve on the advisory and staff is unmatched by any other organization in the nation. With close to 300 years of direct experience in the school setting, our advisory board/SSAC has the knowledge to successfully complete any task or project. The unique composition of our team provides unmatched experience in all aspects of school safety and emergency management, including the consideration of special populations in the school setting.

Full Scale School Crisis Drill Overview:

Full scale school crisis drills evaluate the operational capability of emergency management systems in a highly stressful environment that simulates actual conditions. Full-scale exercises test and evaluate most functions of the emergency response-operational plan, including the mobilization of emergency personnel, equipment and resources.

The School safety Advocacy Council collaborates with school districts and local public safety and emergency response agencies to choose a scenario that is most likely to occur in the community and thereby involve all community stakeholders. SSAC conducts a post-incident critique and develops an after-action report to identify issues for correction.

Full scale drills validate existing emergency plans, programs, policies, roles and responsibilities, as well as the training curriculum, by:

- Testing the capabilities of the school crisis team;
- Providing a gap analysis to identify deficiencies and problems in the current school crisis plan;
- Testing the school staff and emergency responders as well as school safety plans and procedures under high stress circumstances;
- Evaluating the school's emergency coordination with local, state and federal agencies;
- Increasing the confidence of the school crisis team while strengthening its ability to respond effectively to a school emergency.

www.schoolsafety911.org