



# School Safety Summer Planning: Building Stronger K-12 Emergency Plans

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) School Safety Task Force conducts capacity-building training to equip kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) stakeholders with expertise to apply recognized best practices in the context of their specific communities, venues and schools.

This report provides insights and key metrics from a virtual training hosted on May 15, 2025, featuring a facilitated discussion on strategies and actions to build stronger emergency plans for K-12 schools and districts. The session covered tactics for assessing the current state of a school's emergency plans and procedures, ideas for how school leaders can prioritize updates and improvements to their school's safety posture in a limited resource environment, and information on key partners to involve in the safety planning process. It also explored simple, reinforcing actions schools can take throughout the school year to foster a culture of safety and security among students and staff.

## PRESENTERS

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## KEY METRICS

**1,050+**

participants attended  
the virtual training.

**82%**

average increase in  
**knowledge** of key training  
learning objectives.

**85%**

of respondents **agreed or  
strongly agreed** that the virtual  
training met or exceeded their  
expectations.

## PARTICIPANT BREAKDOWN

District Administrator

**27%**

School Administrator

**26%**

Other

**11%**

School-Based Law Enforcement

**8%**

School Safety Organization or Association Representative

**6%**

School Staff

**5%**

State Government Representative

**4%**

Emergency Management Organization or Association Representative

**4%**

Local Government Representative

**2%**

Federal Government Representative

**2%**

Mental Health Practitioner

**2%**

Community Member

**2%**

Student

**1%**



## KNOWLEDGE GROWTH

Knowledge growth was measured through optional pre- and post-event polls of representative attendees. Results from the polls showed significant increases in participants' knowledge related to assessing and updating their school's emergency plans, demonstrating the effectiveness of the training and the value of the information presented.



**Knowledge of tactics to assess your current school safety posture and prioritize steps to strengthen it**

**88%** of participants responded with moderate-to-very high knowledge **pre-event**.

**98%** of participants responded with moderate-to-very high knowledge **post-event**.

**83%**  
increase in knowledge



**Knowledge of stakeholders to involve in updating your school's emergency operations plan**

**89%** of participants responded with moderate-to-very high knowledge **pre-event**.

**97%** of participants responded with moderate-to-very high knowledge **post-event**.

**73%**  
increase in knowledge

## PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

"The dynamic and flow of information between the panel was very easy to follow and highlighted key points. I also appreciate the links to additional information."

– School Resource Officer

"Excellent information and knowledgeable presenters. **More tools for my toolbox!**"

– State Government Representative

"I found the session **very helpful and professional**. The resources provided were valuable, and the visuals and overall production were impressive."

– School Staff Member

"Thank you for having this series. It was very helpful and **I took many notes to take back** to our head of school and the board."

– District Administrator

