

School Security Group

IRI specializes in *all-hazards security* and serves corporations, government entities, and academic organizations, worldwide. **IRI School Security Group** has developed its **ATM** threat assessment program (*Avert, Thwart, Minimize*), in conjunction with the U.S. Secret Service, for school administrators to address threats that could lead to extreme acts of targeted violence including school shootings.

Focus on Connecticut

In Connecticut, the school safety provisions in “An Act Concerning Gun Violence Prevention and Children’s Safety” outlines that each public school should adopt all-hazards safety standards. While schools are required to periodically update safety plans that provide for orientation to stakeholders, often administrators need assistance from security professionals well-versed in school safety protocols.

IRI experts are highly qualified to assist in all stages of the security improvement process—including facilities assessments, planning, training, exercising, and communications—aimed at mitigating threats.

Security Objectives

IRI professionals help clients with the five-pillars of security: physical, protective, environmental, situational, and behavioral. While municipal emergency operations plans address large-scale contingencies, school security plans include provisions for targeted acts of gun violence as well as contingencies including arson, bombings, assaults, and social misbehavior that threaten one or more stakeholders.

School security must dovetail with community and municipal security. **IRI** helps schools fully integrate security planning so that the security culture is well-understood by the entire community. With this aim, a key objective is to head off threats before they can escalate and eventually be carried out.

IRI Security Program

IRI School Security Group has developed a modular program adaptable to any given district’s needs and environment. Best practices are aligned with Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and Department of Education standards aimed at enhancing security culture, educating all staff, while mitigating threats and lowering the potential for acts of violence.

IRI experts’ backgrounds include FBI, U.S. Secret Service, Department of Education, Department of Homeland Security, State Department, municipal law enforcement, corporate and academic security, and media. **IRI** school security professionals have experience in more than 33 states, with a focus on K-12 and universities. **IRI** has conducted more than 300 NCEF school building assessments and is experienced with federal, state, and municipal “all-hazards” emergency operations planning in conjunction with school security planning.

IRI is certified in the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP), the standard for workshops, drills and table top exercises, and related training, improvement planning, and exercising. **IRI** professionals are trainers in media relations and public relations, as well as trainers in Crisis and Emergency Risk Communications (CERC).

All **IRI** professionals are certified in higher levels of training under the National Incident Management System (NIMS) in emergency management, incident command, and mass casualty incident management.

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