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Free School Safety Resources 🔍

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Message from the Editor

Welcome to the Free Resource Edition of *School Safety Monthly*!

First let us begin with a fond farewell as we say goodbye to our intern and previous editor Morgan Billinger as she embarks on future endeavors and the furthering of her education.

For those of you who do not already know me, I am Rachel Wilson and I will be taking on the role of Editor and Art Director of *School Safety Monthly* in addition to my role of providing principal photography. Many of you who follow us regularly will already be familiar with my work through my photos. I have worked with Safe Havens International for 6 years as part of our award winning video team and more recently as a School Safety Analyst on many of our school safety assessment projects. I am looking forward to continuing this adventure with all of you here at *School Safety Monthly*.

This month's edition will focus on the myriad of free resources available for safer schools. At Safe Havens we are ever aware that many districts must be very budget conscious and it is our goal to make great information more accessible to everyone. Some of the resources you will read about will be Safe Havens' original content; others were created through the assistance of our analysts, and some we simply believe are helpful tools that everyone should be aware of. I hope that you not only enjoy this issue but that you find ways to applicate this content to your future plans.

For comments or suggestions on *School Safety Monthly*, you can contact us via our website, at Facebook.com/SafeHavensIntl, or through @SafeHavensIntl on Twitter.   -Rachel

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Introduction to the Free Resource Edition

by Michael Dorn

We are very fortunate that there is a wealth of free school safety resources available to school officials and their community partners.

Our analysts work hard to make our clients aware of quality free resources that are available from the federal government, state agencies and non-profit organizations. Safe Havens also works diligently to develop new free resources each year. Our video crew has produced more than fifty free training videos and podcasts in addition to the dozens of custom training video series' that we have produced for districts and state departments of education.

Our analysts are regular contributors to free school safety web courses, reports, guides, checklists and audio crisis scenarios.

Safe Havens analysts have also assisted the United States Departments of Education and Homeland Security and a number of other agencies in developing free resources such as the IS360 training program which was released as part of the White House School Safety Initiative. While we continue to develop new resources, we will also strive to make our readers aware of the many excellent free resources produced by other organizations.

Be sure to take the time to utilize many free school safety resources that are designed to make schools safer and more effective places of learning. We also appreciate the efforts of readers to make us aware of other free resources relating to school safety. Please feel free to let us know of any free resources that you think would be helpful to others in the field.

Safe Havens International Video Resources Highlight

One of the things that we pride ourselves on is our award-winning team at Safe Havens Video. With some of the most experienced and prolific school safety video crew members in the world, we strive to constantly produce new and exciting video content that captivates while providing solid technical information on school safety and emergency preparedness. In addition to the hundreds of video segments that we have produced for local, regional and state education agencies across the country, we also produce a number of free videos that are available on our website. These videos include:

• "Ask Safe Havens": A web series with 30+ segments on school safety topics. Each episode explores a different topic of school safety in a concise format.
Available at: http://www.youtube.com/SafeHavensIntl
          or: http://www.Vimeo.com/SafeHavensIntl

• Weapons Concealment Demonstration: The video that started it all, this one-minute clip depicts Chris Dorn concealing 12 guns in ordinary clothing. With millions of views on the internet, this clip stars Chris Dorn at age 15 and has been featured in news, television and movie productions all over the world. It was a true "viral video" before the term even existed.

Download it free at:
http://safehavensinternational.org/concealed-weapons-dress-code-video/

• Staying Alive Video resources: With over one hour of free content, this series includes interviews with the co-authors and experts of Staying Alive: How to Act Fast and Survive Deadly Encounters as well as a series of crisis video and audio scenarios that are free to use. Access them at: http://safehavensinternational.org/staying-alive/

Homeland Security Information Network

Learn about this program at:
http://www.dhs.gov/homeland-security-information-network-hsin

This is a great resource available to schools which requires a bit more investment of time than most of the free resources listed in this newsletter, however it might represent a game-changer in the school safety planning arena. This tool is free through the Department of Homeland Security and only requires a formal request to submit your state or district for the setup process. Users must pass an approval and identity verification process to gain access to ensure security of the network, and the system also uses two-factor authentication for access. While it can take a while to fully understand all the capabilities of this program, it is a great resource that comes with live tech support from DHS staff. We strongly encourage you to take a look at this program and contact DHS using the information below to find more about this tool.

Features include:

- Document repository (Including text, image and video files)
- Web conferencing
- Secure chat
- Secure messaging
- Managed workflow
- GIS Mapping (Integrated ArcGIS tools)
- Alerts and notifications
- Comprehensive tracking
- Web course tools (LMS)

From the HSIN website:

The Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) is the trusted network for homeland security mission operations to share Sensitive But Unclassified information. Federal, State, Local, Territorial, Tribal, International and Private Sector homeland security partners use HSIN to manage operations, analyze data, send alerts and notices, and in general, share the information they need to do their jobs. For more information about HSIN, please contact: HSIN.Outreach@hq.dhs.gov

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THE FRONT DOOR TO INFORMATION SHARING: HSIN

HSIN | Homeland Security Information Network

Features You Need—Security You Can Trust

The Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) is the nation's premier resource for sharing Sensitive But Unclassified information among Federal, State, Local, Territorial, Tribal, International and Private Sector organizations partnering to support the Homeland Security mission. The features available through HSIN enable secure and efficient content management, collaboration, information sharing and operational support.

Instant Messaging (Jabber)
Jabber provides a secure environment for instant messaging, allowing:
- ✓ Quick answers to questions
- ✓ Real-time information sharing
- ✓ Unclogged email inbox
- ✓ Chat one-on-one or in groups

Web Conferencing (HSIN Connect)
Robust web conferencing tool provides a secure environment for:
- ✓ Real-time conferencing
- ✓ Web-based training
- ✓ Large-scale webinars
- ✓ Voice, audio, video
- ✓ Real-time analysis and response

Document Repository
Post and track documents in real-time
- ✓ Anywhere access
- ✓ 500MB file-size limit
- ✓ Collaboration, version control, version history
- ✓ Check documents in/out
- ✓ Notification of changes to a library or document

Managed Workflow Capabilities
Route documents from lists and libraries to individuals to:
- ✓ Request a response
- ✓ Assign tasks
- ✓ Gain approval
- ✓ Collect feedback
- ✓ Collect signatures

Secure Messaging (HSINBox)
Communicate securely with mission partners
- ✓ Attach documents, links, notes
- ✓ Create and manage distribution lists

GIS Mapping
Geospatial mapping capabilities and applications
- ✓ Share geographical data from various sources on one display
- ✓ Map incident scenes and planned event sites
- ✓ Track movements/changes over time
- ✓ View weather-related information

Alerts and Notifications
Receive breaking news related to your mission
- ✓ Via email
- ✓ Via text

Comprehensive HSIN Training
Designed to help users understand HSIN
- ✓ Self-paced computer based training
- ✓ Instructor-led training
- ✓ Learn how to utilize important HSIN features
- ✓ Learn how to build and maintain your COI
- ✓ Customized assistance

Basic Learning Management System (LMS)
Complete solution for rapid, online training
- ✓ HSIN training
- ✓ COI-specific training

Don't miss out on the mission critical features HSIN has to offer. Check out HSIN today at **hsin.dhs.gov**. If you need more information, contact the HSIN Outreach Team at **HSIN.Outreach@hq.dhs.gov**.

Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN)   www.dhs.gov/homeland-security-information-network

Federal Resource Highlights

Free online courses:
- IS-907: Active Shooters
- IS-360: Preparing for Mass Casualty Incidents: A Guide for Schools, Higher Education, and Houses of Worship (Authored by Safe Havens International)
- IS-906: Workplace Security
- IS-914: Surveillance Awareness
- IS-366: Planning for the needs of children in disasters
- IS-909 - Community Preparedness: Implementing Simple Activities for Everyone
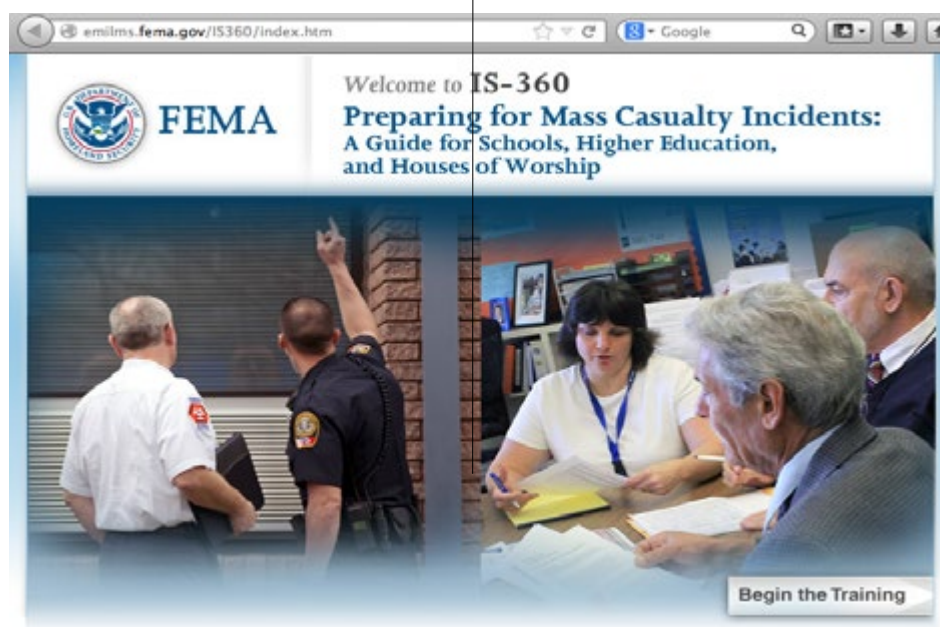
All hazards preparedness:
- Ready.gov – a national public service advertising (PSA) campaign designed to educate and empower Americans to prepare for and respond to emergencies including natural and man-made disasters
- SAMHSA Disaster Distress Helpline
- Earthquake Preparedness Playbook
- Flood Preparedness Playbook
- Hurricane Preparedness Playbook
- Tornado Preparedness Playbook
- Wildfire Preparedness Playbook
- Winter Storm Preparedness Playbook

Emergency Operations Planning:
- Guide for Developing High-Quality Emergency Operations Plans (With a version for K-12 Schools, one for Higher Education and another for Houses of Worship
- Webinar: An Overview of the Guide for Developing High-Quality Emergency Operations Plans:
  Schools version
  Houses of Worship version
- US Department of Education Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center (REMS TA Center)

Special Thanks for compiling this list:
Rev. David L. Myers
Director, Center for Faith-based & Neighborhood Partnerships
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

A version of this list, along with links to each resource, is updated and maintained at:
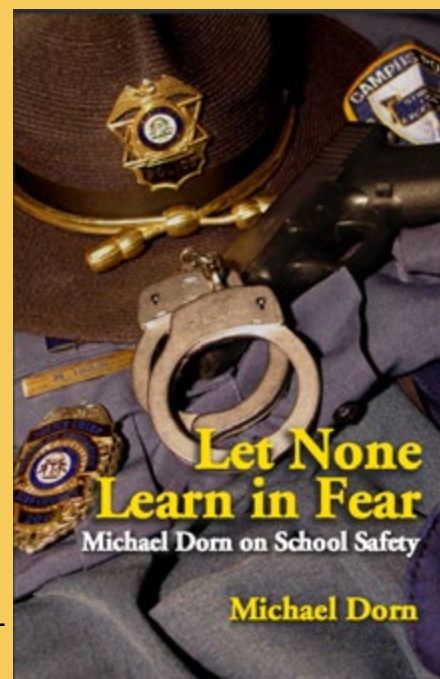*http://www.fema.gov/protecting-houses-worship*

Free eBook from Safe Havens International: Let None Learn in Fear

A collection of seven years worth of Michael S. Dorn's columns from magazines including *School Planning and Management*, this book is an excellent read. Each column has been updated and expanded beyond the original publication version.

As Michael puts it in the introduction: "The distinct disadvantage of writing a regular column is that it is often not possible to address a topic as well as you would like in 800 words, no matter how carefully you edit. I have added information to certain columns where I feel a little more information is needed. I also decided to include revised editions of articles I published in other magazines that could prove useful. In addition, I added several unique sections that might be useful to the reader."

http://safehavensinternational.org/let-none-learn-in-fear-2/

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Resources

The following links are for user-friendly GIS data mapping. These sites allow you to perform complex GIS mapping tasks require any specialized software or expertise. Those familiar with more in-depth GIS work may also find these helpful in their work. Our analysts use these resources to perform specific searches to augment our use of more advanced mapping software.

USGS Earthquake map:
http://earthquake.usgs.gov/research/hazrisk/

List of regional and state earthquake risk maps:
http://earthquake.usgs.gov/hazards/products/

NOAA Storm Prediction Center (SPC):
www.spc.noaa.gov/

NOAA SPC Historic maps:
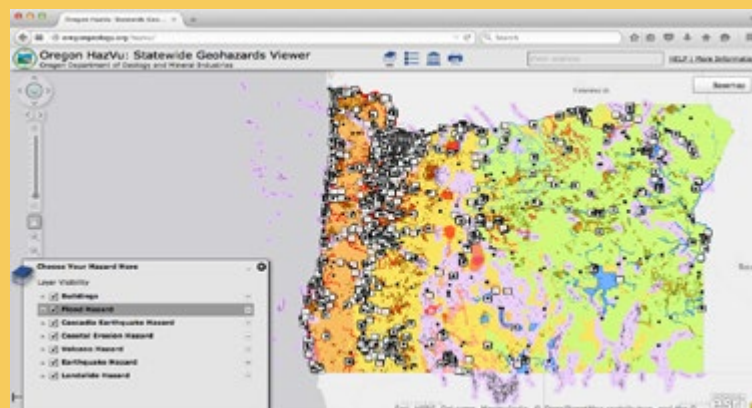www.spc.noaa.gov/wcm/

NOAA Annual tornado maps:
www.spc.noaa.gov/wcm/annualtornadomaps/

Oregon geohazards viewer (shown at right):
http://oregongeology.org/hazvu/

NOAA Tornado Map

Oregon's Hazvu Mapping Tool

For Advanced GIS Users

The following links contain resources for those of you using GIS mapping software such as ArcGIS that allow you to load and manipulate map and information datasets. Use of these resources typically requires an intermediate to advanced level understanding of GIS software and in some cases may incur a fee for specific datasets.
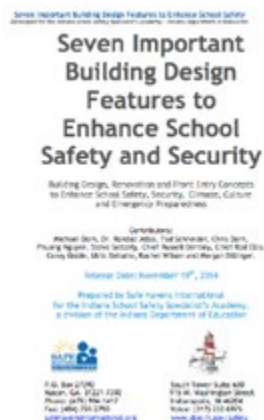
GIS Data files for the State of Indiana: http://www.indianamap.org/

CDC GIS Data: http://www.cdc.gov/DHDSP/maps/gisx/resources/index.html

United Nations GIS Data & Resources: http://www.mapaction.org/resources/gis-resources.html

GIS Resources (Commercial GIS Data source): http://www.gisresources.com/

Articles & White Papers by Safe Havens International

The following articles and research papers are [available in the Resources section on our website](http://safehavensinternational.org):

- Seven Important Building Design Features to Enhance School Safety and Security (Produced for the Indiana Department of Education)

- Relative Risks of Death in U.S. K-12 Schools by Stephen C. Satterly, Jr.
  - Infographic: Active Shooter Incidents in U.S. K-12 Schools, 1998-2012
  - Infographic: School-Related Fatalities, 1998-2012

- Twenty Simple Strategies for Safer and More Effective Schools (Produced by Safe Havens for the Maine Department of Education)

- School Safety Today: A review of recent approaches to safety and security in the field of K-12 Education in America

- Evaluating an Expert Witness for School Safety Cases

- Fight, Flight or Lockdown – Teaching Students and Staff to Attack Active Shooters could Result in Decreased Casualties or Needless Deaths

- Four Phases All Hazards Planning for Schools

- Business Continuity Planning for Schools

- Recovery Planning for Schools

- Bomb Threat Basics

- School Bus Terrorism: A Practical Analysis with Implications for America's Schools

Keep up to date with new articles and research papers as they are released at:
http://safehavensinternational.org/articles/

Companion Resources for
Staying Alive: How to Act Fast & Survive Deadly Encounters

Released in 2014, our book Staying Alive is a great resource for school staff as well as anyone else with a desire to prepare themselves or their organization for crisis events. we worked hard to create a book with lots of additional resources that can be accessed for free on our website, including:

- Over 1 hour of video segments with interviews from the authors and the experts we interviewed for the book
- Video and Audio Crisis Scenarios for Mental Simulation
- Research article: "Important Considerations for Carrying a Gun" with detailed information on the pros and cons of arming teachers, or anyone else
- Free poster download: The Window of Life (Shown below)

All of these resources and more are available at:
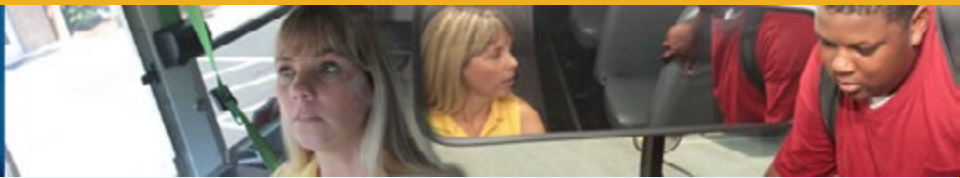http://safehavensinternational.org/staying-alive/

Free School Safety Web Courses

Our website also has several concise free school safety and security web courses on topics including:
- Potentially Dangerous Lockdown Practices
- Creating Positive School Body Language
- Permission to Live – Effective School Emergency Preparedness through Empowerment, Planning and Practice
- Creating a Culture of Dignity, Honor and Respect

These courses can be accessed at:
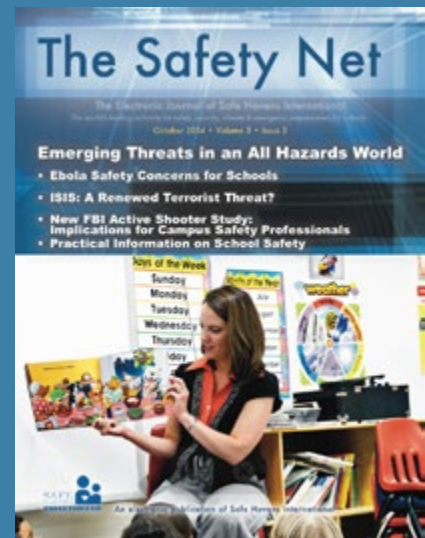http://safehavensinternational.org/school-safety-web-courses/

Sex Offender Registries

The following links can be used to access various state and national sex offender registries. The FBI page contains a listing of sex offender registries from all 50 states as well as various districts and territories. Safe Havens suggests regularly performing an address-based registry search of your organization's schools and facilities. Some school organizations also perform registry checks of bus stops to make reasoned decisions about stop placement and route adjustments.

- FBI Listing of sex offender registries: https://www.fbi.gov/scams-safety/registry

- USDOJ Sexual Offender tracking & response resources: www.nsopw.gov/

- Family Watchdog: http://www.familywatchdog.us/

The Safety Net

In addition to School Safety Monthly, Safe Havens International also publishes an annual electronic journal titled The Safety Net. This is a more in-depth publication that allows for a longer format of articles and a detailed look at topics related to school safety, school security, emergency preparedness for schools, safe school design, building climate, safe school culture and school law enforcement concepts. If you are on the mailing list for School Safety Monthly you will also receive new issues of The Safety Net. If you are not already a subscriber, click here to sign up:
http://www.safehavensinternational.org/newsletter

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