



# Action Plan for Elementary Schools in Alachua County

**Prepared by the workgroup appointed by  
Chief Tony Jones, Sheriff Sadie Darnell  
and Superintendent Dan Boyd**

# Why Now?



Complete Community Policing  
Philosophy



Improve Safety



Crime Prevention

# Workgroup Composition

## Workgroup Chaired by Lt. Dave Lee of the ASO

- **Staff Jessenia Rooney** *Alachua County Sheriff's Office*
- **Sgt. Donny Patterson** *Alachua County Sheriff's Office*
- **Sgt. Tom Guilfoyle** *Alachua County Sheriff's Office*
- **Capt. Lonnie Scott** *Gainesville Police Department*
- **Sgt. Steven Bradford** *Gainesville Police Department*
- **Cpl. Warren Crews** *Gainesville Police Department*
- **Lt. Brian Helmerson** *Gainesville Police Department*
- **Lt. Chad Scott** *Alachua Police Department*
- **Asst. Suprt. Phil Wright** *School Board of Alachua County*
- **PIO Jackie Johnson** *School Board of Alachua County*
- **Principal Diana Lagotic** *School Board of Alachua County*
- **Principal Lacy Redd** *School Board of Alachua County*
- **Principal Harrell Harrison** *School Board of Alachua County*
- **Principal Jennifer Wise** *School Board of Alachua County*
- **Principal David Shelnett** *School Board of Alachua County*
- **Frm. Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan** *City of Gainesville*

# Recommendation I

- **Request that appropriate legislative bodies provide funding for on-site law enforcement officers for all (elementary) schools. Two components to funding request:**
  - *Immediate Request - Request funding from local legislative bodies to fund law enforcement staffing for balance of 2013 school year.*
  - *Extended Request - Request funding from federal, state and local legislative bodies to fund law enforcement staffing beyond current school year.*

# Recommendation II

- **Institute Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) review of all schools in Alachua County.**
  - *Local law enforcement CPTED practitioners will work with school board to review facilities of Alachua County schools to identify potential improvements for enhancement of safe schools. Identify funding source for recommended improvements.*

# Recommendation III

- **Pursue Funding from Federal, State and Local Legislatures for development of a Mental Health component to assist school administrators with mental health issues.**
- **The goals:**
  - *Provide parents assistance/resources for managing children with mental health issues.*
  - *Provide law enforcement and school staff with options for dealing with students and parents who struggle with mental health issues.*

# Recommendation IV

- **Implement on-going joint training and education for Law Enforcement, School Staff, students and parents.**
- **Purpose of Recommendation:**
  - *Provide all members of the school communities with understanding of each person's role during emergency situations. Provide requisite training for roles of varying entities involved in emergency situations. Establish minimum standard for training exercises.*

## Recommendation IV cont'd

- *Offer quarterly training/review of the mental health component of the joint effort of law enforcement, mental health professionals, School Board personnel, parents and other concerned individuals to monitor the success of identifying students in need of additional mental health counseling.*
- *The focus is to develop a plan of action to limit or remove the possibility of teenage criminal offenders and identify the need for other services in future years, thus reducing the number of teenagers being incarcerated.*



## Recommendation IV cont'd

- *As part of the Community Oriented Policing concept, training should be moved to the communities surrounding these schools. Parents should be educated about the on-going efforts of this coalition to improve school safety and address the mental health component.*

# Template to be Used to Guide Future Efforts

STEPS (Build upon what the School Board has in place)

- 1. Expand Focus of School Crisis Committees**
- 2. Identify Safety Issues and Develop Action Plan**
- 3. Develop/Review Action Plan**
- 4. Raise Awareness**
- 5. Evaluate Effectiveness and Revise Plans**

# Current costs for this expansion

- Currently 4 officers have been reassigned from existing resources and assigned to service the 11 elementary schools in the City of Gainesville. Officer provides service to 3 schools.
- Estimated annual costs for 4 currently reassigned officers is approximately \$65,000 each for an annual total of approximately \$260,000.

# Costs/revenue for additional expansion

- Net Cost of Increment: \$ 64,023
- FTE Increase: 2.0
- Service Level Impact:
  - Increased staffing levels of sworn officers to improve level of service to elementary schools
  - Part of an action plan w/ ACSO and SBAC to secure public schools inside and outside city limits
  - Staffing level provided here represents minimum recommendation to improve service level in public schools located within the City
  - Includes personnel, operating, and vehicle costs for officers
  - FY14 cost is net of an anticipated \$100,000 COPS Grant
    - *City has applied for a grant that would provide a total of \$250,000 over three years and would require at least 25% match.*

# Expenses FY14 - Personal Services

- FY14 Plan Included:
  - » 20 FTE grant positions

## Grant Funded Positions Covered by General Fund

	FY13		FY14	
	FTEs	\$	FTEs	\$
2010 COPS Hiring Grant (1)	0.56	35,446	7.00	440,790
SAFER Grant (firefighters) (2)	6.50	397,410	13.00	823,497
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.00</b>	<b>432,856</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>1,264,287</b>

(1) In FY13 represents 7 positions covered for one month

(2) In FY13 represents 13 position covered for six months

# Glen Springs SRO Profile

