

Overview of District Security Initiatives

for the 25-26 School Year

WCPSS Safety & Security Committee

September 9, 2025



Desired Outcomes

Board members will gain an understanding of:

- Current security initiatives and improvements;
- Possible future initiatives; and
- The WCPSS Large Event Security Operations Plan



Strategic Plan Alignment

PATHWAYS TO

Excellence + Equity

Framework

Strategic Priorities

STUDENT KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

Communication
Collaboration
Critical Thinking
Creativity

Literacies
Knowledge & Skills

STUDENT DISPOSITIONS & WELL-BEING

Behavioral
Health

OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Effective Operations
Services
Facilities

Essential Pillars

High-quality instructional core for all content areas

Equity-focused practices

High-quality WCPSS staff

Family & community engagement

Strategic Plan Alignment

PATHWAYS TO **Excellence + Equity**

PRIORITY 3

**OPERATIONAL
EFFECTIVENESS**

Effective Operations,
Services, and Facilities

Aim 16 | Establish metrics of accountability for departmental management.

Aim 17 | Ensure that all students and staff have continuous, high-quality, and equitable access to facilities and technology (infrastructure and devices).

Aim 18 | ***Prioritize safety upgrades, including upgrading facilities, improving safety plans, and focusing on cybersecurity.***

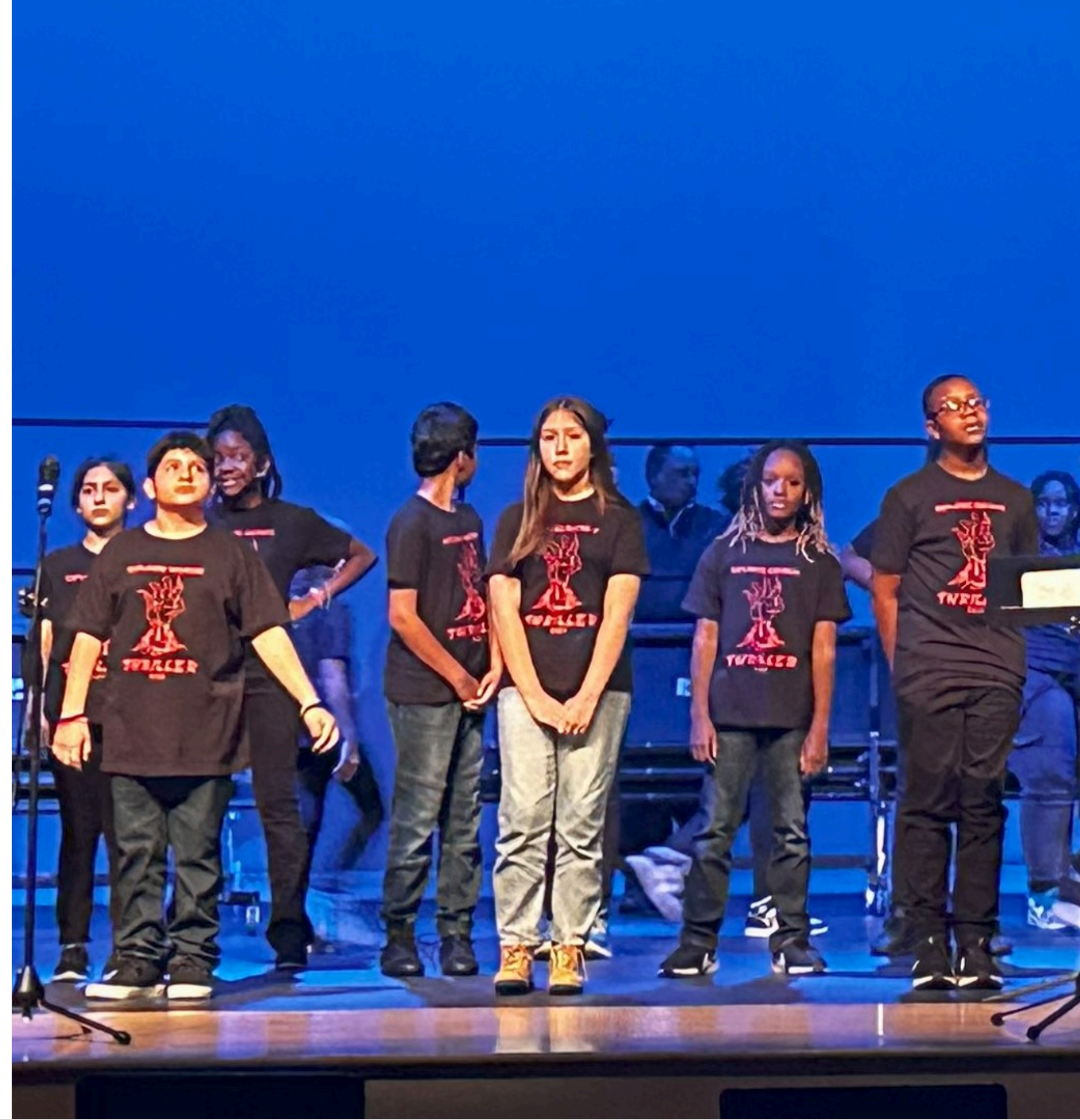
Aim 19 | Evaluate practices to ensure safe, timely, efficient, and reliable transportation services.

Aim 20 | Establish new systemic processes and guidelines balancing operational efficiency, fiscal responsibility, and environmental sustainability.

Overview of School Security

School security practices exist in an ever-changing landscape of new products, technology and processes.

WCPSS continues to study, research and assess our current practices as well as new practices on the horizon.



School Security Technology & Tools

- Cameras
- Door Locks
- Door Monitoring Contacts
- Alarms
- Weapon Detection Systems
- Emergency Notification Systems



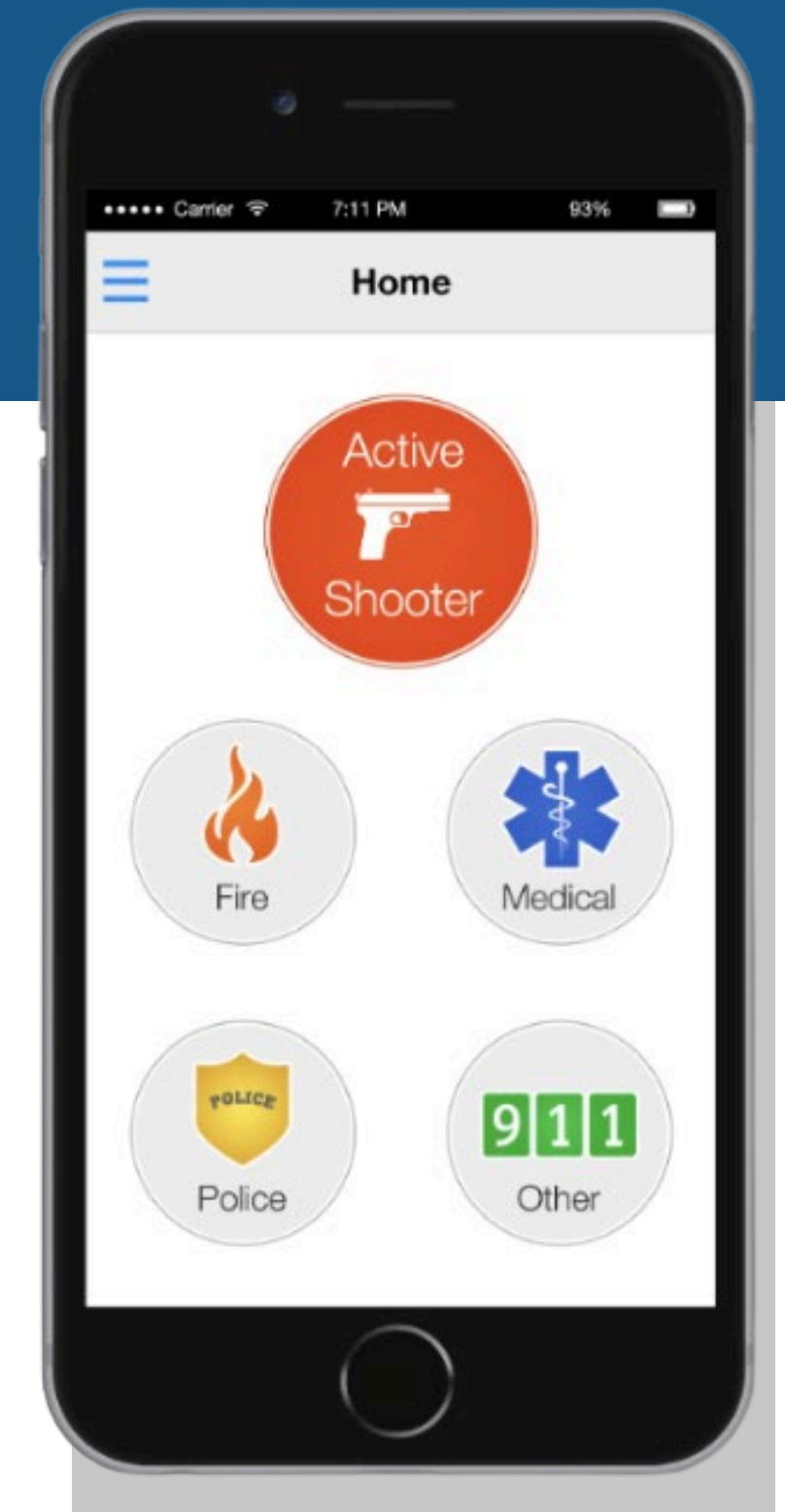
School Security Processes & Partnerships



- Emergency Operations Plans
- Reunification Plans
- Staff Supervision Plans
- Large Event Security Planning
- Law enforcement/SROs
- District Security Team
- Community organizations

Security Enhancements Since 2024-25

- RAVE Panic Button
- Mobile Command Vehicles
- Bomb Threat Protocols
- Spectator Event Bag Rules
- Verkada Visitor Management System
- Say Something Anonymous Reporting System



Security Enhancements

Data



1
**Police
Assistance**



1
**Medical
Assistance**



2
**Missing
Children**

Security Enhancements Data

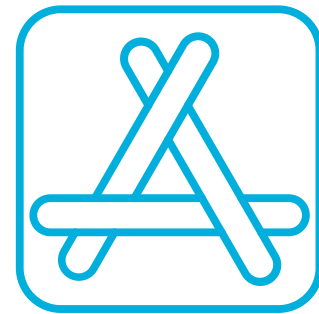


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**Lockdown Drills
performed using Rave**

Security Enhancements

Rave Participation Rates



3,488

Staff members
have installed
the app



11,101

Staff members now
receive notifications
to their personal
cell phone



Security Enhancements

Rave Participation Rates



Security Enhancements

2024-2025 Verkada Visitor Management System Transactions*



5,090

**Transactions
per school on
average**



3

**Confirmed Sex
Offender
Matches**



1,048,575

**Total
Transactions**

*Transactions are defined as records in the system reflecting the system being used by visitors, staff, contractors, students, and parents.

Future WCPSS Security Enhancements

Upgrade lockdown processes to adopt Standard Response Protocol in 2026-27

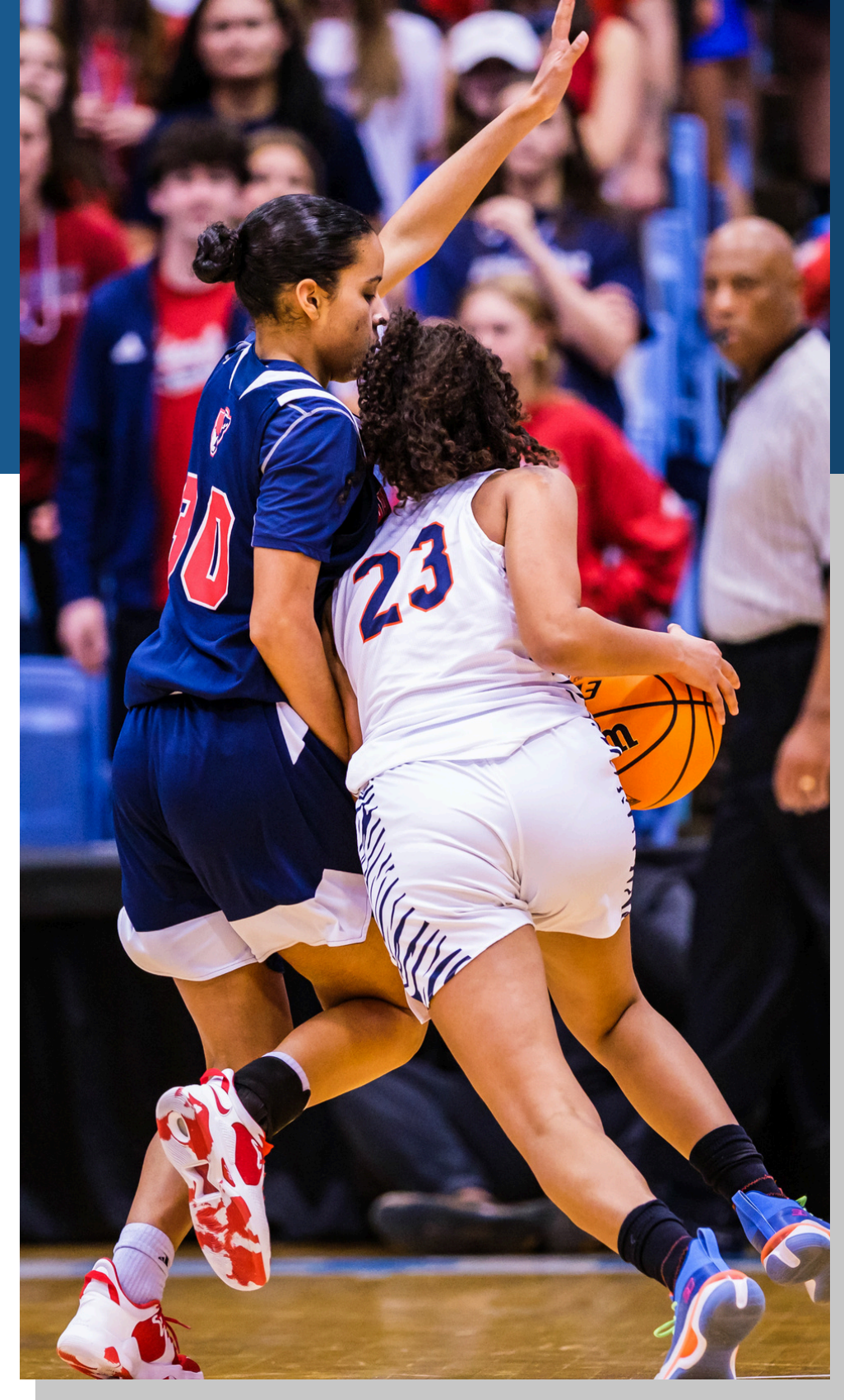
Upgrade Reunification processes

Improvements to physical security infrastructure

Security Reassessment



Security Operations Event Plan



Large Event Security Planning

The WCPSS Office Of Security Large Event Plan:

- Is a collaborative effort between school administration, athletics, security staff, School Resource Officers and any other relevant stakeholders.
- Clearly defines roles and responsibilities
- Better outlines law enforcement actions and safety interventions
- Provides guidelines for schools on how to create a security plan
- Is scalable and flexible to different events and sizes of events



WAKE COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Large Event Security Planning

Event Operations Plan

I. Incident/Event Football Jamboree		II. Operational Period (Date/Time): From: 9.8.25 To: 9.8.25	
III. Objectives *Ensure the safety of all patrons who visit Crossroads 1 High School. * Ensure the safety of all School, Police and Public Safety personnel assigned to this event. * Ensure compliance with North Carolina General Statutes governing the restrictions of weapons possession on school campuses. * Ensure adherence to State statutes governing the possession of controlled substances.			
IV. Operational Period Emphasis: Ensure a safe and secure environment for all patrons attending this event			
V. General Situational Awareness (provide any presenting issue(s) with those working the event): In recent years, events in the community that draw a sizable number of juvenile participants, have seen an increase in the number of fights and large-scale disturbances. These situations attract negative media attention to the event which potentially impacts future participation. The event planned for this venue is a Football Jamboree for Crossroads 1 High School against its rival Crossroads 2 High School, we are projecting to have a larger than normal crowd at this event. In an abundance of caution, Crossroads 1 High School will be increasing security and officer presence at this event. Crossroads 1 High School will be employing seven Allied Universal security officers for this event. These security officers will be assisting in screening attendees at the gates and using weapon-detecting technologies to ensure that no weapons are present within the venue. Officers/Deputies working this event will be assigned to key identified locations based on Officers/Deputies available. Each officer will be expected to work within the context of their given assignment unless specifically requested to assist with another task. If an officer/deputy is requested to work outside of their given assignment by a member of school staff or administration, please forward this request to Officer Smith (SRO) prior to or in lieu of leaving your assigned post. During this assignment, officers may be exposed to weapons, sharp objects, controlled substances, and inclement weather. Officers/Deputies should plan appropriately to utilize proper PPE to minimize their exposure to such items and weather			
VI. Site Safety Plan Reviewed- Yes No YES			
VII. WCPSS Security Representative: Name: SSA Jones Date: 9.1.25		VIII. Prepared By: Name: AP Smith Date: 9.1.25	

Operational Planning Worksheet

Event: Football Jamboree	Operational Period: From: 9.8.25 To: 9.8.25
General Description of Operation: This Ops Plan was initiated at the request of Crossroads 1 School's Administration	
Uniform (Police, Allied Universal and School Staff): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Class B full duty uniform to include ballistic vest. - Officers will wear either a high visibility uniform or traffic vest to maximize their visibility while at the event. - If a traffic vest is utilized, have your radio and BWC configured for operability while employing the traffic vest. 	
Operation Briefing (see attached site map for overview of post assignments) Upon Police/Security/Event staff arrival at the location, there will be a briefing at the Lobby of Crossroads 1 at 5pm (provide location/time). During this briefing, assignments will be given then staff/police are to report to immediately to their respective assigned locations.	
Post Assignments (adjust as needed): Home Team Entrance - There will be one line for patrons to enter the venue, where Two Allied Universal personnel will be screening for weapons with metal detection technologies. One Officer/Deputy (marked GATE 1) is required to stay at this location for the entirety of time that Allied Universal is screening. This Officer's/Deputies main purpose will be to assist the security personnel with any recovered weapons or contraband not allowed inside the event. Officers/Deputies will also assist with situations where a patron refuses the search but insists on entering the venue. It will be required that Crossroads 1 High School students and parents utilize this entrance. All other patrons without direct ties to Crossroads 1 High School will be directed to the Visitor Team Entrance (marked GATE 3). Unsupervised juveniles will be directed away from the venue as per school messenger sent to parents. Using the appropriate entrance will reduce the interactions between the opposing teams' fans as well as walking distance to get to the appropriate seating area.	
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Floater - TBD

Home Side Stands - (TBD LE/ Crossroads 1 Staff) This position is meant to maintain a presence around the home-side stands. It is recommended to stay around the press box and patrol between both the north and south sides of the press box. Keep a lookout for students who attempt to congregate and hide in the behind fence line.

Visitor Side Stands - (TBD LE/ SERHS Admin) This position is meant to maintain a presence around the visitor side stands. Historically this has activity around the fence line and poorly lit areas. Be sure to keep an eye on the area behind the stands and around the low lit concessions stand area.

Exterior Roving Patrol - (Allied TBD) based on availability. Allied Universal will have officers (when available) to monitor parking lots

Parking Lot(s)- (Allied TBD) based on availability. Allied Universal will have one security officer monitoring LE/WCPSS Parking lot preventing entrance by patrons. Allied Universal will have officers (when available) to monitor parking lots.

Parking Assignments for Police/Emergency Response Units on site:

Patrol Vehicles should be parked at each entrance

Patrol Vehicle will be parked in the area marked EE1 on the sidewalk.

Patrol Vehicle will be parked in the area marked EE2/Detention -

*Do your best to park your vehicle in the area near where you will be assigned, in case you need to retrieve something or need to get back to it quickly.

Emergencies:

Emergency Egress:

In the case of a situation that requires an emergency egression of all patrons from the venue, Officers/Staff assigned to a "gate", should consolidate any tables or items which would impede the quick movement of patrons out of the venue. School Staff will open the gates/doors identified as "EE1" and "EE2" (ensure are marked on the site map).

Injury:

In the case of an injury that requires EMS to respond to a non-ambulatory patient, the responding emergency services will enter the venue through the **Carpool Entrance** (identify



Questions?

