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FHSD proactively tests emergency preparedness on June 27

Four emergency agencies will join Forest Hills School District to test emergency preparedness during a drill to be held at Nagel Middle School on June 27.

“Every employee works every day to proactively prevent emergencies in our schools,” said Scot T. Prebles, superintendent. “But, we also want to proactively practice our responses and test our resources. Any type of emergency scenario that involves a school has the potential to be a large-scale, complex incident and we want to be prepared.”

Forest Hills has always tested emergency responses, but during the June 27 drill, FHSD will work with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Transportation Security Administration who will evaluate FHSD, Hamilton County Sheriff’s Department, the Hamilton County Communication Center (911) and Anderson Township Fire on key objectives to identify areas of strength and areas for improvement. Each entity will work through the same scenario in full functionality, allowing emergency services to arrive on scene and set up a command post, EMS workers to treat patients (volunteer actors), fire fighters to train on tactics, police officers to secure the perimeter, and the school district to practice evacuation and relocation of students, as well as communication.

“This type of drill is unprecedented. It’s unique to have this many entities come together to evaluate emergency responses,” Prebles said. “It will be very life-like and will include lights and sirens. Community members may see numerous emergency personnel at Nagel Middle School. But it’s all proactive and we are hopeful the drill does not cause concern. Though the district’s drill will greatly exceed requirements, we want to do everything within our power to be prepared.”

For more information on Forest Hills’ responses in the event of a crisis or emergency, [please see the FHSD Emergency Guide.](#)