



Ohio School Safety Center OSSC Overview

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Explanation of school safety resources, services, and outreach efforts.

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Mission Statement

Assist local schools and first responders in preventing, preparing for, and responding to threats and acts of violence, including self-harm, through a holistic, solutions-based approach to improving school safety.



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Governor's Ohio School Safety Working Group

- Comprised of school safety experts from Ohio;
 - Mental Health
 - Education
 - Physical Safety
 - Security
 - Emergency Management
- Develop a cross disciplinary approach to school safety;
- Make recommendations for trainings, policies, and new initiatives; and
- Assist with the development of an Annual School Safety Report.



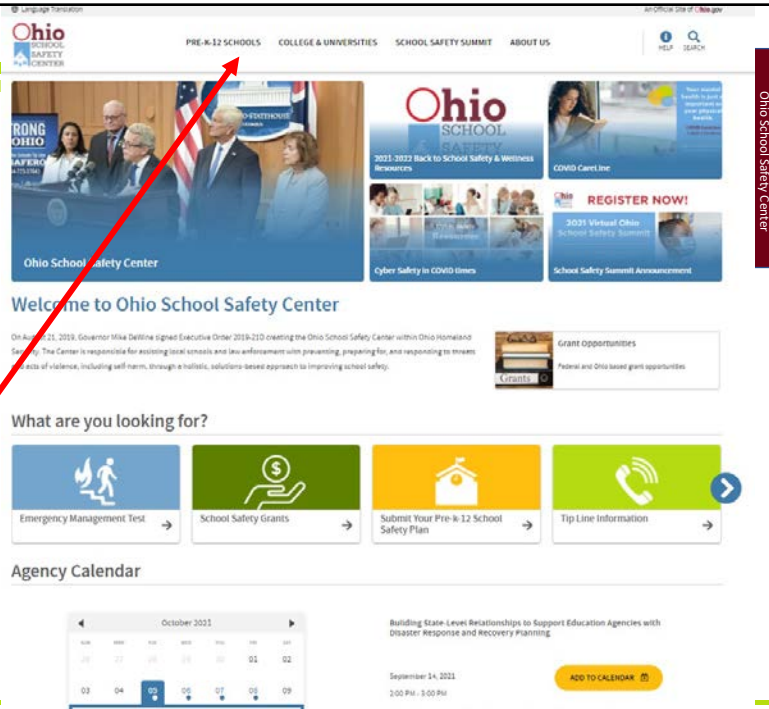
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OSSC Website

- Consolidated school safety information
 - Important Updates
 - Grants
 - Trainings
 - Previous Newsletters & Bulletins

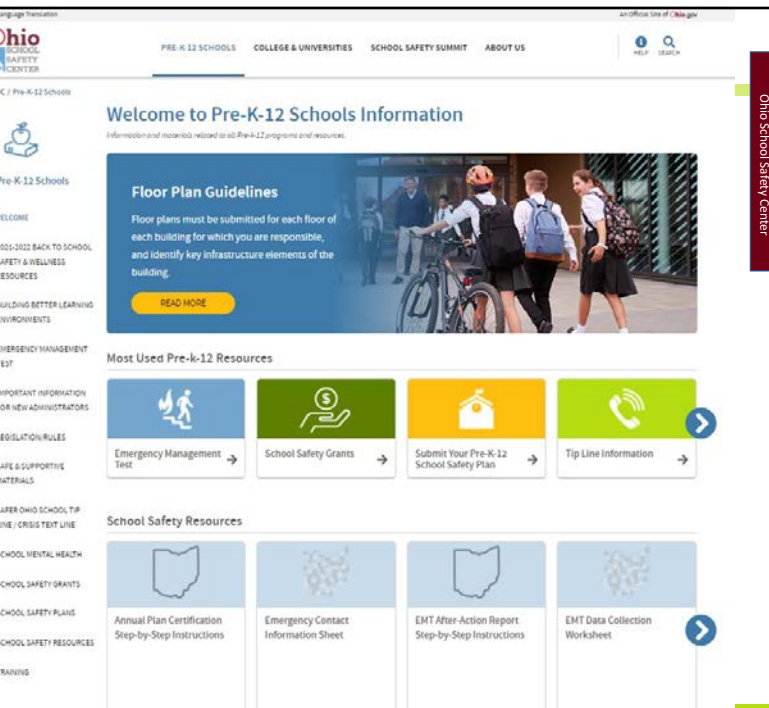


The screenshot shows the Ohio School Safety Center homepage. The top navigation bar includes links for PRE-K-12 SCHOOLS, COLLEGE & UNIVERSITIES, SCHOOL SAFETY SUMMIT, and ABOUT US. The main content area features a large banner with the Ohio School Safety Center logo and a welcome message. Below the banner, there is a section titled 'What are you looking for?' with four buttons: Emergency Management Test, School Safety Grants, Submit Your Pre-K-12 School Safety Plan, and Tip Line Information. At the bottom, there is an 'Agency Calendar' section with a calendar for October 2021.

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Resources: OSSC Website



The screenshot shows the 'Welcome to Pre-K-12 Schools Information' page. The left sidebar contains a list of resources: WELCOME, 2021-2022 BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY & WELLNESS RESOURCES, BUILDING BETTER LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEST, IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR NEW ADMINISTRATORS, LEGISLATION/RULES, SAFE & SUPPORTIVE MATERIALS, SAFER OHIO SCHOOL TIR LINE / CRISIS TEST LINE, SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH, SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS, SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS, SCHOOL SAFETY RESOURCES, and TRAINING. The main content area features a 'Floor Plan Guidelines' section with a 'READ MORE' button. Below this, there is a 'Most Used Pre-K-12 Resources' section with four buttons: Emergency Management Test, School Safety Grants, Submit Your Pre-K-12 School Safety Plan, and Tip Line Information. At the bottom, there is a 'School Safety Resources' section with four buttons: Annual Plan Certification Step-by-Step Instructions, Emergency Contact Information Sheet, EMT After-Action Report Step-by-Step Instructions, and EMT Data Collection Worksheet.

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Funding Opportunities

Grants: Federal and Ohio Based

- **COPS Hiring Program:** This program supports law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire additional career law enforcement officers in an effort to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts, including funding for school resource officers.
- **Preventing School Violence: BJA's STOP School Violence Program:** Through this opportunity, the Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for funding to prevent violence in a K-12 school setting. This program supports and assists county, local, territorial, and tribal jurisdictions in improving efforts to reduce violent crime in and around schools.
- **Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative:** This opportunity provides funding to prevent and reduce violent crime in communities by supporting comprehensive, evidence-based violence intervention and prevention programs, including efforts to address gang and gun violence, based on partnerships among community residents, local government agencies, victim service providers, community-based organizations, law enforcement, hospitals, researchers, and other community stakeholders.
- **Human Trafficking Youth Prevention Education Demonstration Program:** This program provides funding to local educational agencies to develop and implement programs to prevent human trafficking victimization through the provision of skills-based human trafficking training and education for school staff and students as specified in the Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2018.
- **School Violence Prevention Program:** This program offers schools the opportunity to improve security on school grounds through the implementation of evidence-based school safety programs and technology.

School Safety Grants

Contents

[Federal Grant Opportunities](#)
[Ohio Based Grant Opportunities](#)

Federal Grant Opportunities

Grants Finder Tool	▼
Enhancing School Capacity to Address Youth Violence	▼
School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)	▼
Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education)	▼
COPS Hiring Program (CHP)	▼
Preventing School Violence: BJA's STOP School Violence Program	▼
School Emergency Response to Violence (Project SERV)	▼
STOP THE BLEED Grant Program	▼

Ohio Based Grant Opportunities

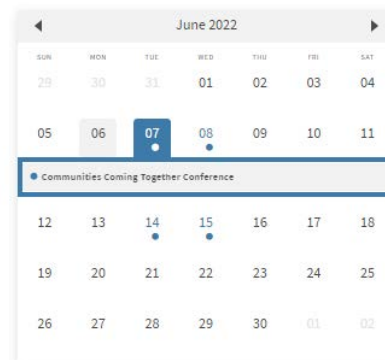
Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation School Safety and Security Grants	▼
Ohio Attorney General's Office School Safety Training Grants	▼
Ohio Security Grant	▼



Ways to Get Involved

- Visit the OSSC events calendar regularly for
 - Partner events
 - Awareness weeks
 - Trainings & webinars
 - Grant due dates
- Sign up or request a free training

Agency Calendar



[VIEW MORE EVENTS >](#)



Ways to Get Involved

- Sign up for the OSSC K-12 quarterly newsletter & updates
 - OSSC website – bottom of each page



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☐ OSSC School Cyber Alerts & Bulletins

☐ OSSC School Resource Officer Alerts & Bulletins

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Ways to Get Involved

- Follow us on social media
 - @OHSchoolSafety on Twitter
 - @OhioSchoolSafetyCenter on Facebook
 - Ohio Department of Public Safety on LinkedIn
- Contact us with questions or requests for services

For More Information

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Contact Us

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(please note this is only monitored during normal business hours)



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Current Resources

Proactive Social Media Scanning

- Threats to K-12 schools and students – we cannot and do not follow people or groups
- Open source – public information only
- Goal is to identify threats and get the information to first responders and schools immediately for investigation and intervention
- Examples from the system include:

- “Better watch out. This looks like a school shooter manifesto!”
- “I planted a bomb in the school”
- “I have explosives to kill everyone at [name of school]”
- “[Reference to school] crime tip! See above for threats against school!”
- “Attention: bomb materials discovered at school. School is closed.”

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Current Resources: Emergency Management

- K-12 compliance with statutory requirements – 5,600 school buildings
 - Plan development
 - Annual emergency management tests
 - Database issues & management
- Relationship building with first responders
- Guidance on new legislation
- Share templates & toolkits
- Host webinars
 - Annual plan certification
 - Annual tests
 - Best Practices



Centralized Information
Sharing



Compliance Reviews



Marketing, Outreach &
Training



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Current Resources

- **Cyber Security & Safety**
 - Sharing MS-ISAC Alerts with school IT staff
 - Partner with Ohio Department of Education, Ohio Cyber Range Institute, Ohio Homeland Security and local universities
- **Security & Vulnerability Assessments**
 - Free site assessments & areas of improvement recommendations
- **Virtual Training Opportunities**
 - Partner with subject matter experts to offer trainings
 - Suicide prevention
 - Self-care
 - Crisis & addiction awareness
 - Ohio Handle With Care
 - Emergency management



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Safer Ohio School Tip Line:

- Free Anonymous Tip Line
- 24/7 call and text
- Remain anonymous
- Report threats to student/school safety
 - Bullying/Hazing
 - Self-harm
 - Withdrawn student behaviors
 - Threats of harm and violence (verbal or written)
 - Substance abuse
 - Bomb threats
 - Gang related activities
 - Weapons
 - Unusual or suspicious behavior
 - Anything other school safety related concerns
- Free including marketing/promotional materials (posters & cards)
- Free presentations & site visits for conferences and events upon request



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OSSC Growth

- Regional Liaisons
 - Currently 4 Fulltime Liaisons
 - 3 Contractor Liaisons
 - Total of 16 Regional Liaisons
 - 16 Mobile Training Officers
- Grant Support
- Training Officer
- Tip Line Coordinator
- Intelligence Analysts



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Liaison Projects

- Critical Incident Response Training
- School Board Meetings (Safety Checklist, Best practice)
- SRO Virtual Training Academy
- Digital Threat Assessment Training (Coming soon!)
- Therapy Dog Grant (TBD)

New Liaison Team Projects

- OSSC Regional Liaison Outreach to Schools
- Creating/Verifying internal schools contact database
- Sending introductory emails to schools
- Scheduling meetings with schools in-person/virtual
- Compiling school feedback, requests, and needs to follow-up
- Connecting to regional stakeholders
- Working with the OSSC Compliance Team to help regional schools
- OSSC School Safety Club



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Compliance and Planning Projects

Family Reunification Working Group

- Reunification Best Practices 2022
- Updating Family Reunification Annex
- Sample Family Reunification Policy
- Family Reunification Guide
- Reunification Card Sample



Higher Education

- Next Meeting Tentative June 2022
- Additional Tabletop Exercises
- Flood, Tornado, Evacuation, Reunification, Hostage, Active Shooter, Fire, Hazmat, and Student Life Scenario.



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Tabletop Exercises

- Bus Accident
- Long Term Power Outage
- Missing Student
- Suicidal Student
- Unexpected Death on Campus
- Tabletop Tip Sheet
- Hotwash Materials



Website Updates/New School Safety Plan Application

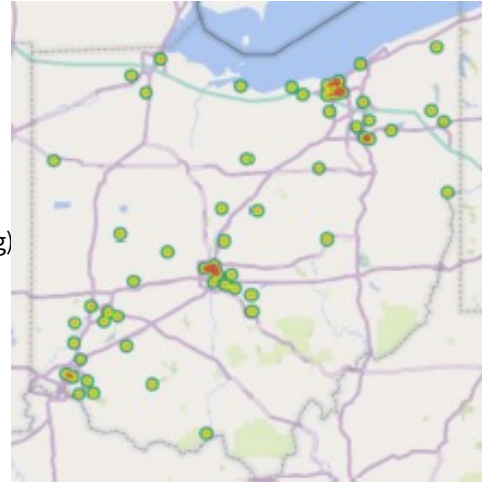
- New School Safety Plan Application
- Administrative Rule

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Outreach & Information Sharing Projects

- **New Products**
 - Monthly Incident Bulletin
 - Monthly Social Media Bulletin
 - Monthly Tip Line Trend Bulletin (Hot Spots)
- **Trainings**
 - Offer (Evaluation of current Available Training)
 - Value (Assessment)
 - Need (Solicitation of School Needs)



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August 2-4, 2022

Greater Columbus Convention Center



2022 Summit – In-Person (August 2-4)

- Set-up - August 1
 - Greater Columbus Convention Center
- Registration Open
- Applications Being Accepted
 - Keynote Presentations
 - Exhibit Hall Booths
 - Dedicated space for Working Group members
 - Presentation Proposals
- Assistance Needed to Spread the Word

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• 2022 Summit – In-Person (August 2-4)

• Planned Sessions

• Mental Health

- Brain Functions: Conflict De-escalation
- Trauma Learning
- Dangers of Electronic Devices
- Communications
- Relationships
- Crisis Leadership
- Culture and Climate

• Physical

- Responding to an Emergency: First Aid
- Security
- Roles of the SRO
- Human Trafficking
- Situation Awareness
- Threat Assessment
- Digital Threat Assessment
- Transportation Security
- Security and Vulnerability Assessments
- Street Drugs

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Questions?

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