

School Safety Report 2001-2002

2001-02 School Safety Statistics

School Safety Assessments	75 schools
Crisis Disaster Team Activations	13 incidents
Personnel Trained	5312
"Connections" Toll Free Hotline	
Calls received	142
Weapons Seized	12
Narcotics Arrests	9
Gang Fights Avoided	
Bomb threat resolved	76
Average Response Time	17.6 Minutes
Technical Assistance Calls	9,933

Accomplishments

School safety assessments	Comprehensive School Safety Assessments were conducted at 12 different school districts and 75 schools with follow-up technical assistance to bring the districts into compliance with generally accepted standards of school safety being provided to all facilities.
Training	Training was conducted at 69 different workshops and conferences and a minimum of approximately 7,977 district personnel were trained. The primary training was in the areas of threat assessment, school law, sexual harassment, violent confrontation avoidance, and school safety.

Crisis Disaster Team	Responded to 13 mobilizations during the year to include a hostage situation, six student deaths, two school fires, two major tornadoes, a flood and one arson. It is also significant that the MDE Crisis Response Team was the first state agency to respond to the terrorism attack on September 11, 2001, providing guidance to the school districts within two hours of the event.
Other	<p>Personnel from MDE participated in nine conferences including the US Terrorism Summit (by invitation only) and the Emergency Response to Weapons of Mass Destruction conference for the state of Mississippi.</p> <p>The division responded to 142 “Connections” hotline calls within the year, of which three resulted in major monetary awards and 32 resulted in significant action taken by the district.</p> <p>The division augmented its existing budget with a \$30,000 Title IV grant and a \$23,000 Office of Juvenile Justice grant.</p>
Publications	
<p>*”Robots Promote Safety in Mississippi Schools,” <i>National Connections Journal</i>, July 2001.</p> <p>*”School Safety Law,” MDE web site, November 2001.</p> <p>*”School Occupational Safety and Crisis Response Planning Manual,” MDE web site, November 2001.</p>	