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Board of Trustees Meeting of January 23, 2013 Loss Control Report

▪ Legal One

The entire Loss Control Department attended the Legal One training titled *Education and Law Enforcement Working Together*. This training is the first of a four part series put together after the Connecticut elementary school shooting and also involved the New Jersey Association of School Resource Officers and the Gloucester Township (Camden County) Chief of Police.

NJSBAIG Loss Control Department presented two case studies, one which clearly demonstrated when a district follows the law and conducts a proper search they can be defended. The other showed when a district fails to work with law enforcement it can lead to a bad liability situation.

▪ SafetyNet Special Edition

The latest special edition was titled *Five Things Every Districts Should Do to Improve Security*. A copy is included with this report.

▪ Department Planning

In early December, the entire Loss Control Department met at the NJSBAIG disaster recovery site in Mount Laurel, for our annual department planning session. The purpose for meeting at the disaster recovery site was to make recommendations to the Information Technology Department on relocating staff in a disaster.

▪ SafetyNet

The safety theme for January is *Play it Safe Outdoors* which provides many suggestions on preparing for cold weather such as learning first aid, dressing properly and getting in shape. An article on ways to avoid catching a common cold.

Janet's Law requiring public and private schools to be CPR and AED trained takes effect September 1, 2014. An article appeared to alert our member districts. Also, a reminder to complete the Errors and Omissions Assessment appeared.

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Special Edition

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A special edition of SafetyNet designed especially for the Business Administrator

Five Things Every District Should Do To Secure Their Buildings

In light of recent events at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut, the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group's Loss Control Department reached out to nationally recognized Criminal Analysis and School Security Expert, [Dale Yeager](#), for recommendations schools should do to prevent such incidents.

Dale believes such incidents are preventable. He recently gave an interview on the subject with national syndicated radio host Michael Smerconish, which can be heard in its entirety at his company website [Seraph.net](#). His recommendations are as follows.

1. Have a school security expert conduct a Federal Level Security Management Audit. This audit looks at more than security equipment. It assesses the quality of school management from the top down. It also addresses how policies are practiced and enforced and conducts a climate assessment which includes classroom management, leadership, evaluations, and special education.
2. Exterior security walks every 15-30 minutes with a two-way radio to talk with the office. The walks can be conducted by any properly trained school employee.
3. Staff training K-12 for all staff from administrators to para-professionals on the prevention of crime in and out of the school building.
4. A Federal Education Laws Assessment. Are your district's policies complaint?
5. Monthly safety team meetings with local police, fire, and rescue to review security issues.

Mr. Yeager will be speaking at several upcoming NJSBAIG events. Please contact the undersigned or your Loss Control Representative for more information.

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SCHOOL SECURITY MANAGEMENT AUDIT

A Complete Assessment of All Security Systems and Policies Within Schools or Districts

- Exterior access to each building – **Prevention Intrusion**
- Interior security procedures for each building – **Prevention of Crime**
- Sub cultural group aggression
- Vendor process and security
- Liability assessment and security
- Internal theft prevention
- Management procedures and the Prevention of Crimes
- Construction issues and security
- Law Enforcement/Emergency Response Integration
 1. Phase 1 – Research and preliminary assessment of crime, social issues and population growth
 2. Phase 2 – On site physical assessment and interviews
 3. Phase 3 – Report design and live report review for school board or safety committees

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