

School Safety: Emergency Communication Plan

NEWS RELEASE

The 2022 school shooting that occurred in Uvalde Texas had numerous points of failure but a critical one was that Robb Elementary school resource officer could not speak to local responders and other law enforcement arriving to provide back up. Interoperability between schools and First Responders is a top priority for the Integrated Public Safety Commission.

Planning:

- Coordinate with local EMA, Fire, Law Enforcement and 911
- How can you communicate with Public Safety?
- What information needs shared with Public Safety?
- Who is the point of contact when Public Safety Arrives?

Technology:

- IPSC offers solutions to overcome in-building signal gaps
 - Smart Connect using WiFi
 - Critical Connect using cellular signal
- Using multi functional forms of technology can allow seamless connectivity with First Responders.
- Do you utilize Emergency Responder Communication Enhancement Systems (ERCES) - are the frequencies correct and coordinated?

PACE:

- Identify your Primary, Alternate, Contingency and Emergency forms of Communication.
- Ensure everyone who needs to know understands these methods of communication and how to use them.
- Practice your plan with everyone involved.
- Have a PACE plan for both internal and external communication