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Press Release

DA Morrissey awards 21 School Security Grants at his 2012 School Security Summit

2012 School Security Grant Recipients:

AVON:

\$2,000 for the purchase and installation of security cameras for the middle-high school.

BLUE HILLS REGIONAL TECHNICAL HS:

\$2,000 for the purchase of a DVR and hard drive system for enhanced recording of surveillance video.

BRAINTREE:

\$2,000 for the purchase and installation of an additional security camera for the student parking lot at Braintree High School.

BROOKLINE:

\$2,000 for the purchase and installation of external electronic door locking mechanisms for Brookline High School.

CANTON:

\$2,000 for purchase of portable hand-held radios for high school personnel to communicate with one another and Canton Police.

COHASSET:

\$2,000 for the purchase of master keys for all Cohasset Public School Buildings to be distributed to Cohasset Police, and for the purchase of software which will allow Cohasset police to view school security video from the police station and patrol cars.

DEDHAM:

\$2,000 for the purchase and installation of security cameras at Dedham High School.

FOXBOROUGH:

\$2,000 for the purchase and installation of a security camera, digital recorder and monitor for Foxborough High School.

HOLBROOK:

\$2,000 for the purchase and installation of security cameras at Holbrook High School.

KING PHILIP HS:

\$2,000 for the purchase and installation of security cameras at King Philip High School.

MEDFIELD:

\$2,000 for the purchase and installation of motion detectors, door alarm sensors and entry intercom for the Wheelock and Dale Street schools.

MILLIS:

\$2,000 for the purchase and installation of security cameras at the Clyde Brown Elementary School.

NORWOOD:

\$2,000 for the purchase of purchase of hand held two-way radios and development of a frequency for use by all schools.

QUINCY:

\$2,000 for the purchase and installation of remote monitoring

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National and local experts on school safety issues – ranging from violent intruder defense strategies and protecting schools from explosives to the more subtle violence of bullying in cyberspace and in middle school – came together with more than 150 local educators and police at District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey's 2012 School Security Summit this week.

The grant money will come out of assets seized from drug dealers by law enforcement and forfeited during court proceedings.

"We are doing all we can to make Norfolk County's schools as safe as possible and we appreciate the strong partnership we are finding in our towns," District Attorney Morrissey said after the Summit, attended by numerous police chiefs, superintendents, principals and other stakeholders.

"Tragic, deadly events in other areas of the country have taught law enforcement and school officials valuable lessons on what works and what does not to keep students safe," District Attorney Morrissey said. "We were able to use monies confiscated from and forfeited by drug dealers to bring in experts from as far away as Texas to talk about the very real threats students face, and hopefully provide local officials with additional tools to avoid those problems."

Greg Crane from Response Options in Burleson Texas presented on best practices on violent intruders; Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Senior Special Agent Jessica Gotthold from New Jersey spoke about protecting schools from those threats; attorneys Matthew MacAvoy and Michael Joyce from Marshfield provided guidance on information sharing among school districts and law enforcement. A trio from Deana's Educational Theater in Wakefield previewed "Girl Chat," a play they perform at schools across the region to explore, and help mitigate, middle school bullying and violence.

"We also took the opportunity to announce the new bullying and cyber-bullying resources that we have developed with the Norfolk Advocates for Children, which school departments can access at no cost," Morrissey said. "It is our hope that every school in every one of our towns is a little bit safer today because so many schools and police joined us in this effort, and came away with additional resources."



equipment and camera updates for the Broad Meadows Middle School and the Lincoln Hancock and Squantum Elementary Schools.

RANDOLPH:

\$2,000 to upgrade the existing security system at the high school so that the security officer can have mobile access to surveillance video.

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOC- TECH:

\$2,000 toward the purchase and installation of security equipment for main entrance and lobby of the high school.

TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL VOC- TECH:

\$2,000 for the purchase and installation of security cameras to supplement the existing security system.

WALPOLE:

\$2,000 for the purchase and installation of security cameras at Walpole High School.

WESTWOOD:

\$2,000 for the purchase and installation of security cameras in five elementary schools.

WEYMOUTH:

\$2,000 for the purchase and installation of classroom door locksets at the Abigail Adams Middle School.

WRENTHAM:

\$2,000 to upgrade security surveillance software for the Delaney and Roderick Elementary Schools.

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