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### **Office of School Safety Holds Standard Response Protocol and Standard Reunification Trainings Around the State this Summer**

MADISON, Wis. – This summer the Wisconsin Department of Justice Office of School Safety (OSS) is offering regional trainings to Wisconsin schools on the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) and Standard Reunification Method (SRM) to improve crisis response readiness. The procedures taught in this training support standardized, practical, action based, response to school incidents.

“This training helps schools be prepared for crisis response,” said Attorney General Josh Kaul. “This is another example of the important work the Office of School Safety is doing to help keep kids in Wisconsin safe.”

SRP provides standard vocabulary for all stakeholders to understand the response and status of an event. The vocabulary includes hold, secure, lockdown, evacuate, and shelter.

- **Hold** is followed by a directive of where to hold, such as in your room or area, and is meant to keep hallways clear.
- **Secure** is followed by a directive such as get inside and lock outside doors and is meant to safeguard people inside the building.
- **Lockdown** is followed by the directive locks, lights, out of sight, and is meant to secure individual rooms and keep everyone quiet and out of sight.

- **Evacuate** may be followed by a location and is used to move individuals to a new location or out of the building.
- **Shelter** is followed by stating the hazard and safety strategy to keep everyone protected.

Having SRM in place helps to alleviate stress during a crisis response and ensures that schools maintain proper chain of custody for every student. SRM can be used during a variety of crisis responses including fires, floods, tornados, threats, and acts of violence to ensure students are reunified with their parents or guardians. Successful planning and implementation of SRM requires partnerships with all involved stakeholders that participate in crisis response.

The SRP and SRM training provided by OSS is open to school safety partners. The training is one day and consists of both lecture and hands on scenario practice. Wisconsin schools or districts interested in hosting a SRP and/or SRM regional training in their area can contact OSS to request the free training. Training is modeled after the i love u guys Foundation [curriculum](#). View upcoming trainings around the state on the OSS [website](#).