

In this video, Superintendent Dr. Keisha Campbell and Elmhurst Police Chief McLean provide insight into the collaborative efforts between Elmhurst District 205 and the Elmhurst Police Department to ensure school safety. They begin by explaining the partnership between D205 and EPD, emphasizing the role of School Resource Officers in maintaining a secure learning environment. The discussion highlights how SROs not only handle security concerns but also build relationships with students, staff, and families. The video then outlines recent updates made to enhance school security, including technology improvements, facility upgrades, and enhanced training protocols for both law enforcement and school staff. The importance of reporting concerns is also discussed, with an overview of how the school and police respond to threats or incidents. Regarding communication during emergencies, Dr. Campbell and Chief McLean clarify how parents and the community will be informed, stressing the importance of accurate and timely updates. They define key emergency response terms such as: - Hold in Place used for minor disruptions, keeping students in classrooms while operations continue. - Secure Building and Teach for external threats, where learning continues inside while access to the school is restricted. - Run, Hide, Fight an approach used in active threat situations to maximize safety. They also explain evacuation procedures, ensuring students and staff know what to do if they must leave the building due to an emergency. The conversation concludes with a discussion on online threats, emphasizing the role of digital responsibility and how authorities handle potential risks posed by social media or other online platforms. The video serves as a valuable resource for the D205 community, reinforcing the district's commitment to student safety and open communication between schools, law enforcement, and families.