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TO: School District Superintendents

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SUBJECT: Panic Buttons for Schools

SECURITY INFORMATION TO SHARE

An existing expandable contract operated by the Wyoming Department of Homeland Security with Corporate Protective Services (CPS) offers Wyoming a unique opportunity to install panic buttons in various state agency locations. Wyoming schools can acquire panic buttons for their building(s) with the same price structure as the state agencies.

The panic buttons are intended for extreme situations including school intruder or workplace violence. At present there is no deadline for signing up for the program and the current contract between Homeland Security and CPS is for four years.

What is Available:

- Up to five wireless panic buttons per building with associated hardware.
- Initial training by the provider for panic button usage.
- Notification of first responders within 90 seconds of button use.
- Up to five separate first responder locations or contacts.

Cost:

- A flat fee of \$220 per building includes installation.
- \$20 per month per location.
- The monthly cost is locked in for four years from the time of installation. Schools can discontinue use anytime. No multi-year obligations are necessary.
- School administrators can make arrangements directly with the provider using Wyoming Department of Homeland Security bid #0224-W.

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Physical Requirements:

- The applicant school maintains single point of entry.
- Panic button locations are fixed (they can be portable; however, school personnel render them inoperable by carrying them outside the RF range to their alarm panel). Panic buttons are located within 100 feet of the alarm panel.
- Compliance with any other physical space connection solution that may be required to address unique building idiosyncrasies, such as numerous walls, complex floor plan, etc.

Provider Contact Information:

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The single most critical element for the success of a panic button is that all staff be trained on an ongoing basis and that the school coordinates closely with local law enforcement and first responders regarding all protocols and expectations. CPS provides the initial training. The school personnel need to provide ongoing training over time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bruce Hayes, School Safety Consultant, Wyoming Department of Education, at 307-777-6198 or bruce.hayes@wyo.gov. You may also contact Larry Majerus, Deputy Director, Wyoming Office of Homeland Security, at 307-777-4663 or larry.majerus@wyo.gov.

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Attachment: FAQs Regarding Panic Button