

TENNESSEE SCHOOL SAFETY SPECIALIST PROGRAM



BASIC TRAINING

The purpose of the **Tennessee School Safety Specialist Program** is to provide ongoing training and information on national and state best practices, as well as exemplary resources for school safety, security, intervention and prevention, and emergency preparedness planning. Anticipated outcomes will be the implementation of school safety practices that promote the development of safe and supportive learning environments for all students.

BASIC TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be met to fulfill Basic Training and be recognized as a School Safety Specialist:

- Complete six hours of online training prior to on-site training in February
- Complete three days of on-site training from Feb. 8-10 in Knoxville, TN
- Complete one day of advanced training in the fall of 2017

Directors of Schools must appoint and sign off on individuals applying for the School Safety Specialist Program. Only SAVE Act contact can be nominated. Therefore, School Safety Specialists will be expected to make a long-term commitment to the program.

Basic Training will be held Feb. 8-10 at Knox Co. EMA, 605 Bernard Ave. Knoxville, TN. Lunch is provided all 3 days. Space is limited.

ROLE OF A SCHOOL SAFETY SPECIALIST

After completing Basic Training, School Safety Specialists are expected to take the lead or participate in the following responsibilities and activities on an ongoing basis.

- Coordinate the review, editing, and updating of Emergency Operations Plans for their district and/or school building each year as established under TCA §49-6-(801-814).
- Involve appropriate stakeholders in the development of district/school level Emergency Operations Plans through the formation of a safety team to include the following: police and fire departments, emergency management agency, EMS, local medical facilities, community members, administrators, parents, and students.
- Network with appropriate stakeholders to enhance school safety at the district and/or school level.
- Act as a resource for other individuals in the district on issues related to school discipline, safety, security, and bullying prevention.
- Provide professional development for district faculty and staff on school violence, crime prevention, bullying, and other issues that prevent the maintenance of a safe school environment.
- Participate in six hours of advanced level training each year.



TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF

EDUCATION

For additional information, contact Brenna.Robinson2@tn.gov.