

Notification of Threat Assessment Teams

Addition to Division Website 2016-2017

Background

- Enacted in Virginia Code in 2013
- Adopted as School Board Policy EBB in April of 2014
- School level teams were implemented 2014-2015
- A formal *Threat Assessment Team* was formed in August of 2015 to implement a division-wide protocol for the 2015-2016 school year
- Team consisted of Executive Director of Special Education, Facilities Director, principals, school psychologist, and guidance counselors in consultation with School Resource Officers

Basic Attack Process



- “The fact that most attackers engaged in pre-incident planning behavior and shared their intentions and plans with others suggests that the information is likely to be uncovered through a sound threat assessment process” (DCJS, 2013, p. 8) “

Protocol

- Developed from model policies, procedures, and guidelines from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services
- Required reporting of threats to DCJS (none for last year)
- Created a *Division Student Threat Assessment and Response Form* that:
 - 1) provided common understanding of threats, levels of threats, and suggested actions
 - 2) documentation of response
 - 3) assurance of follow-up with appropriate service providers

Notification by:

- School Board Presentation
 - Annual Training
 - School Website

**Goal of prevention through training and early intervention*