



ACIS Safety and Security Symposium

Who: Heads of School, Facilities and School Safety Officers, Business Managers, Directors of Plant Ops

When: Thursday, November 7th

Where: Aspen Academy

Time: 8:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.

Agenda

8:30 – 9:00 am Check In/Coffee

9:00 – 10:30 am “Lessons Learned in Lockdown” (Chuck Malott and Ian Lopez)

10:30 – 10:45 am Break

10:45 – 12:00 pm “Introduction to the Standard Reunification Method ” (I Love You Guys)

12:00 – 12:45 pm Box Lunch

12:45 – 2:30 pm Tabletop Exercise (Brad Stiles)

Description:

The 2024 Safety Symposium will showcase an impressive lineup of keynote speakers who will delve into critical safety topics. Attendees can look forward to insightful presentations on lessons learned during lockdown scenarios, an in-depth introduction to the concept and historical evolution of the Standard Reunification Method, and an engaging, discussion-based session focused on emergency response tabletop exercises. These sessions are designed to provide participants with practical knowledge and strategies to enhance safety and preparedness in various settings.

2024 Safety Symposium Keynote Sessions:

1. **Lessons Learned in a Lockdown:** This session will provide insights from past lockdown scenarios, highlighting key takeaways, best practices, and critical areas of improvement in emergency management and safety protocols.
2. **Introduction to the Standard Reunification Method:** Explore the history and core concepts of the Standard Reunification Method (SRM), a structured process for reunifying students and staff with their families after an emergency.
3. **Emergency Response Tabletop Exercises:** Engage in a discussion-based session featuring interactive tabletop exercises focused on emergency response. This session aims to provide practical, hands-on experience in dealing with crisis scenarios, fostering collaboration, and enhancing readiness among participants.

Presenters:

Ian Lopez – Director of Safety and Security Cherry Creek Schools



Ian is a former Police Commander with 15 years of experience as a SWAT team veteran and an aspiring professional fly fisherman. He has dedicated many years to training law enforcement in response to active shooter and mass casualty incidents, contributing to the development of regional response plans for such events. As the Incident Commander during the Walmart shooting in Thornton, Colorado, on November 1, 2017, Ian gained invaluable firsthand experience managing the complexities of critical incidents.

Currently, Ian is focused on preparing and training students, staff, and parents on lockdown procedures and other emergency protocols within Colorado's 4th largest school district, addressing the evolving safety needs of educational environments.

Betsy Miller- Former Assistant Principal



Betsy Miller is a retired Adams 12 Five Star Schools educator where she served for 33 years in the roles of teacher, Assistant Principal and Principal at both the elementary and middle school levels. During the COVID 19 Pandemic, she moved to the district level to manage student and staff health, safety and education protocols for over 40,000 students. Also at the district level, Betsy has supported systems as a member of the Adams 12 Five Star School Reunification team.

Betsy is passionate about all things related to supporting our young people and adult learners. She is an advocate for children in the areas of education, health, safety, academic success and social-emotional well being.

It was these experiences that led Betsy to the I Love U Guys Foundation so that she could continue to support schools, districts and organizations across the country in their planning and response to an incident or emergency.

Charles Malott- CEO of RedBag



Charles Malott is a dynamic serial entrepreneur and technologist, passionate about building companies that solve real-world problems and improve lives. Four years ago, after his son and grandchild experienced frightening incidents, Chuck embarked on a mission to ensure the safety of students and staff during lockdown situations. These events, whether real or simulated, often generate immense anxiety, fear, and helplessness in those involved.

Chuck's latest venture, RedBag (www.getredbag.com), aims to equip students and staff with the knowledge and tools to respond confidently during lockdown emergencies, ensuring they understand the situation, know how to seek help, and remain safe. Additionally, RedBag provides first responders with the necessary resources to protect those in lockdown. Having participated in hundreds of drills and several real lockdowns, Chuck brings a unique and informed perspective on emergency preparedness and safety.

Brad Stiles, M.A.- Emergency Response Outreach Consultant



Brad served for 8 years in the U.S. Army as a Military Policeman and Combat Tactics instructor, before transitioning to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, as a Deputy Sheriff. Brad was assigned to many duties with the Sheriff's Office to include serving as a Field Training Instructor, a Crime Scene Technician, as a member of the Honor Guard, as an Academy Instructor and as a Planning section member with the Jefferson County Incident Management Team (Type 3). Since joining the Colorado School Safety Center, Brad has attended the Colorado Emergency Managers Academy and leads all training on physical security aspects along with the Center's Threat Assessment work. As the Emergency Response Outreach Consultant, Brad has provided training to thousands on a variety of school safety topics.

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