



Visitor Management

Auburn City Schools

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A Word About Statistics...

- Statistics on school shootings, and their frequency, can be misleading. Accuracy is difficult to find, as statistics may sometimes include firearm offenses *near* campuses.
- Although some examples in this presentation use school shootings to illustrate security breaches, many other safety situations are much more common and pose a more reasonable risk.
- The most recent school shooting at Saugus High School in Santa Clarita, CA, lasted 16 seconds from beginning to end (The Washington Post, 2019). While not all details are known, these specific types of incidents are difficult to mitigate and prevent.

Learning Objectives



1. Define “visitor management”



2. Explain why visitor management is important



3. Explain how access control and visitor management work together



4. Detail options for visitor management and how they interface with the future of school safety

Why do we do it?



What is "Visitor Management?"



- The process of tracking every **VISITOR** who enters through your office (excludes full-time employees).

Why is Visitor Management Important?



Allows the school control over who is in the building



Provides the school with patterns and trends of visitors



Provides notification of banned persons/sex offenders

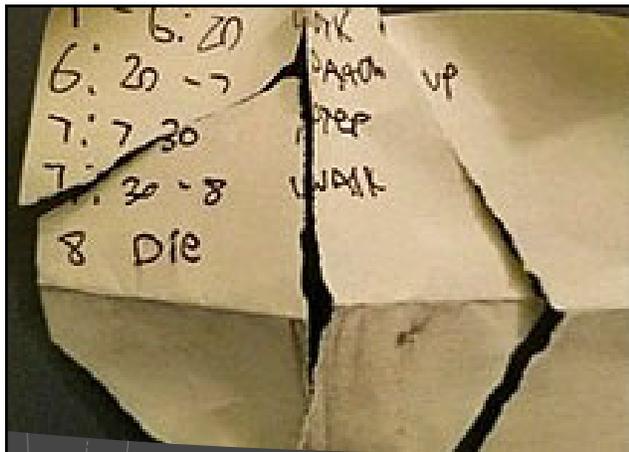
Question

- What are some unconventional situations in which there have been breaches of school access?



Examples

- Jemison (AL) High School
- Unauthorized private school student spent two days at the school



Examples (Cont.)

- Aztec (NM) High School
- Former student entered the school, disguised as a current student
- Shooter had been on federal law enforcement radar



Examples (Cont.)

- Northpark (CA) Elementary School
- Domestic incident
- Shooter attempted entry through alternate doors, was permitted to “sign-in” at front desk and walk straight to classroom

Questions?

Does your school/facility currently have a policy regarding personal visits from significant others?

Is there communication between staff and administration regarding potential problem visitors (ACS example)



Renewed Interest in Access Control

- Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting (Parkland, FL) reemphasized the importance of access control
- Ideally, all visitors enter through the front office and are screened at the front desk

What are Potential Visitor Management Issues?

- Multiple school access points
- Untrained staff (substitutes)
- Untrained students, especially younger students
- Former students (Parkland)
- Spouses and significant others

Safety of Staff

- As the scope of violence is expanded to consider perpetrators who are neither students or employees, consideration must be made for the potential of domestic incidents to find their way to school grounds. According to the National Center for Education Statistics (2017) the percentage of female teachers in public schools in the United States rose to 77% in the 2015-16 school year. This statistic is up from the 1999-2000 school year in which 75% of public school teachers were female (National Center for Education Statistics, 2017).
- When the increase in female teachers is coupled with the fact that “nearly 1 in 5 women report having experienced severe physical violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime” (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC], 2019), the likelihood for domestic violence incidents to carry over to a school campus becomes a more realistic possibility. This presents a school safety issue that may not often be discussed when planning for potential threats to a campus.

Spouses and Significant Others

- Added emphasis after Northpark Elementary (San Bernadino, CA) shooting
- Open communication must exist between faculty/staff and administration regarding potential for violence
- Intern relationships also present potential for volatility



Who Gets to Come In?

In what capacity is the visitor entering?

Most parents have a profession, but that does not exclude them from visitor management procedures

Ex-employees are not the same as current employees



Local News

Case of former Auburn University Police Lieutenant bound over to Lee County Grand Jury

By: Alex Derencz

Posted: Nov. 08, 2017 10:03 PM EST
Updated: Nov. 08, 2017 10:03 PM EST



12/4/2016, 1:27PM

University public safety lieutenant arrested on child porn charges

By CHIP BROWNLEE | COMMUNITY EDITOR AND KRIS MARTINS | COMMUNITY REPORTER

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Police arrested an Auburn University employee Friday on child pornography charges.

The Auburn Police Division arrested Dennis Rae Ledbetter, 46, on three felony warrants charging him possession of child pornography, according to an APD press release.

Ledbetter, who is a lieutenant with University public safety, is also a contract instructor for a women's self-defense class, according to the College of Education website. The self-defense class focused on teaching the Rape Aggression Defense System, or RAD.

The University immediately placed Ledbetter on leave upon notification of his arrest, according to a statement from Mike Clardy, interim assistant vice president for communications and marketing.

"Auburn University officials were notified by the Auburn Police Division of an investigation Wednesday and began providing all requested information," the University's statement reads. "Upon notification of an arrest, the university immediately placed Mr. Ledbetter on administrative leave. The university is continuing to work with police."

On Nov. 30, information was received from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Organization and the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency indicating child pornography was downloaded to a campus computer, which was identified with the help of the University Office of Information Technology, the release said.

How do we handle potential sex offenders prior to conviction?

Raptor Technologies

WELCOME VISITORS

Please report directly to the main office. In order to better protect our students, visitors and staff, all visitors will be required to show a valid, government-issued ID. Thank you for your cooperation.

Preséntense a la oficina principal. Con el fin de proteger mejor a nuestros estudiantes, visitantes y personal, todos los visitantes deben mostrar un documento de identidad válido emitido por el gobierno. Gracias por su cooperación.



- Standard equipment (pictured)
- 3M card scanner
- Label printer (labels)
- Visitor posters

What if we receive a hit on a potential sexual offender?

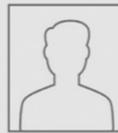
Possible Offender Alert

Please confirm a match based on the information below.

[Match](#) [No Match](#)

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VISITOR



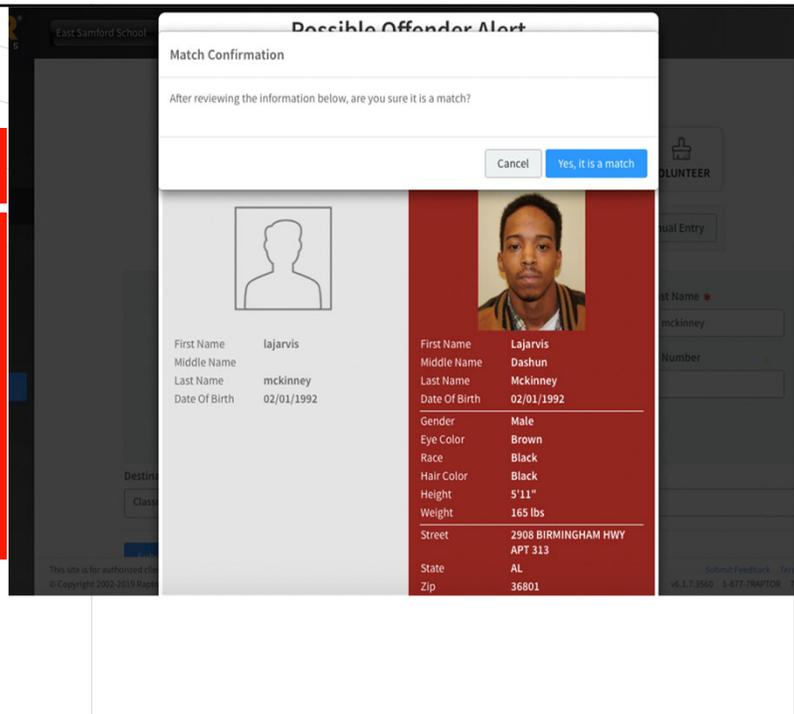
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 Middle Name:
 Last Name: mckinney
 Date Of Birth: 02/01/1992

OFFENDER



First Name: Lajarvis
 Middle Name: Dashun
 Last Name: Mckinney
 Date Of Birth: 02/01/1992
 Gender: Male
 Eye Color: Brown
 Race: Black
 Hair Color: Black
 Height: 5'11"
 Weight: 165 lbs
 Street: 2908 BIRMINGHAM HWY
 APT 313
 State: AL
 Zip: 36801

Visual verification of the visitor



Why is visual verification important?



- Same first and last name
- Same D.O.B.
- Would you verify?

Possible Offender Alert

Access Confirmation

Do you still want to sign this person in to the building?

No Yes



First Name: Lajaris
Middle Name:
Last Name: mckinney
Date Of Birth: 02/01/1992



First Name: Lajaris
Middle Name: Dashun
Last Name: Mckinney
Date Of Birth: 02/01/1992
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After you have verified identification

**Alabama Law Enforcement Agency
Community Information Center**

Home Missing Persons Sex Offender Information Services Home

Welcome Message

Amber Alerts
View Active Amber Alerts
CLICK HERE

Emergency Missing Child Alerts
View Active Emergency Missing Child Alerts
CLICK HERE

Missing Senior Alerts
View Missing Senior Alerts
CLICK HERE

Blue Alerts
View Active Blue Alerts
CLICK HERE

Services
Amber Alert Search
Emergency Missing Child Search
Missing Child Search
Missing Senior Search

Email Subscriptions
Receive an email when an Amber Alert, Emergency Missing Child Alert, or Missing Senior Alert is issued.
Subscribe or Unsubscribe to our Email Subscription Services.

Safety Tips
Know your neighbors and learn you can be called for assistance when needed.

Disclaimer
The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency has established this site according to the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification Act.

Visitor Management and the future of school safety





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