

ATTORNEY GENERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT DIRECTIVE NO. 2007-1

WHEREAS, securing safe and protected learning environments for the children of New Jersey is a responsibility shared by educators, school administrators, law enforcement officials, and other emergency responders; and,

WHEREAS, events in schools and campuses across the country and around the world demonstrate that schools remain a vulnerable, but infrequent, target of mass violence; and,

WHEREAS, communication, cooperation, and coordination will enhance preparedness for and improve responses to any threats or hazards that occur in educational settings; and,

WHEREAS, consistency of policies in the area of school security will assist State, county, and local law enforcement to communicate those policies to education professionals and to collaborate with education professionals in training educators, administrators, and custodial staff to respond to threats and hazards in a manner that supports law enforcement response; and,

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Act of 1970, N.J.S.A. 52:17B-98, states that it is the public policy of this State “to provide for the general supervision of criminal justice by the Attorney General as chief law enforcement officer of the State, in order to secure the benefits of a uniform and efficient enforcement of the criminal law and the administration of criminal justice throughout the State”;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne Milgram, Attorney General of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Statutes of this State, do hereby direct that:


1. Every law enforcement agency in the State shall have and maintain policies and procedures in the subject areas designated by the Attorney General to enhancing school security and safety: bomb threats; active shooter response; school lockdowns; school evacuations; and public information policies.
2. To assist agencies in implementing this Directive, model policies in each of the critical areas will be distributed through the County Prosecutors to every agency. The models shall serve as examples for and identify key components of policies in these critical areas. The model policies are sufficiently flexible to accommodate the needs of law enforcement agencies of different sizes and types of jurisdictions.
3. Within 45 days of the issuance of this Directive, each county and local law enforcement agency shall submit their policies for review and approval by the County Prosecutor. Each State law enforcement agency shall submit their policies for review and approval to the Director, Division of Criminal Justice, or designee.

4. The Prosecutor or Director shall determine that each department has established policies in all critical subject areas that reflect the needs and capabilities of the issuing agency and are consistent with the model policies.

5. The Police Training Commission shall develop curricula on the subjects of and consistent with the model policies for use at all Police Academies that are subject to the jurisdiction of the Police Training Commission.

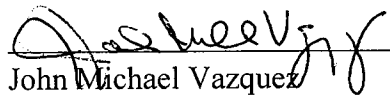
6. All questions concerning the interpretation and implementation of these Guidelines shall be addressed to the Director of the Division of Criminal Justice or designee.

7. This Directive shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect unless rescinded or modified by order of the Attorney General.



Anne Milgram
Attorney General

ATTEST:



John Michael Vazquez
First Assistant Attorney General

Dated: 7/13/07