



# FDOE's Office of Safe Schools

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# Introduction

Damien Kelly,  
Executive Director

## Background

- 25 years experience as law enforcement officer
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) since 2005 with assignments in :
  - Organized crime
  - Protective Operations
  - Executive Investigations
- Served as section team leader overseeing and training fellow officers

## Background

- 12 years with City of Memphis Police Department with assignments in:
  - Uniform Patrol
  - Robbery
  - Homicide
  - Safe Streets Task Force
  - Project Safe Neighborhood
  - US Marshals Fugitive Task Force
  - Metro Gang Unit



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# Office of Safe Schools

## Focus and Priority of the Safe Schools Team

- Prevention Efforts
- Intervention Efforts
- Emergency Preparedness Planning



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**Since May 29, 2018**

## Listening and Developing Relationships

- Met with Florida Sheriff's Association Board
- Visited individually in face-to-face meetings with 19 sheriffs across the state to discuss school resource officers (SROs) and the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program
- Presented at the Panhandle Area Educational Consortium summer conference
  - Met with 14 superintendents from small and rural school districts



## Listening and Developing Relationships

- Presented at the Florida Sheriff's Association's summer conference
  - Met with the 67 sheriffs
- Presented at the Florida Association of School Resource Officers (SRO) summer conference
  - Engaged an audience of over 800 SROs



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# Lessons from the Past

## Parkland, Florida

Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Shooting –  
February 14, 2018



## Las Vegas, Nevada

Route 91 Harvest Music Festival Shooting –  
October 1, 2017

Assistant Sheriff Charles Hank III



# Orlando, Florida

Pulse Nightclub Shooting –  
June 12, 2016

Lt. Douglas Goerke  
Donna Michaelis



# Tallahassee, Florida

FSU Strozier Library Shooting –  
November 20, 2014  
Chief David Perry



# Boston, Massachusetts

Boston Marathon Bombing –

April 15, 2013

Chief Danie Linskey





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# Implementing SB 7026



## Safe-School Officers – S. 1006.12, F.S.

- Requires one or more officers assigned to each school facility in any combination of the following:
  - School Resource Officer or Deputy (SRO/SRD)\*
  - School Safety Officer\*
  - Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program (must be a school district employee)

\*Law enforcement officers employed by either a law enforcement agency or by the district school board

## Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program – Funding

- \$500,000 in recurring funds and \$67 million in nonrecurring funds
- Funds to be used for:
  - screening-related costs
  - training-related costs, and
  - a one-time stipend of \$500 to each guardian

## Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program – Funding

- 22 Sheriff's Offices throughout Florida have applied to train volunteers as guardians in traditional schools and/or charter school settings
- Application requests total - \$9,388,143.57

# Mobile Suspicious Activity Reporting Tool – S. 943.082, F.S.

- FortifyFL
- Allows for anonymous reporting (available on Android & Apple devices)
- Information shared with local law enforcement & school officials



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# Mobile Suspicious Activity Reporting Tool – S. 943.082, F.S.

- FDOE's role
  - Promote and facilitate awareness among all stakeholders
  - Provide training on functions for School Safety Specialists



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# Integrated Data Analytics

- Social Media Monitoring



## School Safety Specialist (SSS) – S. 1006.07(6)(a), F.S.

- Trained by the Office of Safe Schools
- Intent to negotiate (ITN) – focus on Active Shooter Training; awaiting final approval
- SSS Forum





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