

- Guest Speaker Presentation- Brian O'Donnell** with RAVE Mobile Safety
Brian said he will be interested in presenting in San Antonio in July as well.

RAVE panic button has 24x7 support. They are a Public Safety company who works with 9-1-1 and Emergency Management. They support iPhone and Androids. There are 5 main buttons to use: Active Assailant, Fire, Medical, Police and Other. It instantly notifies targeted recipients. The text will push out notifications by email and text. It has a desktop notification but you would not know what type of situation it was. Gives type, location and facility details. It gives first responders critical information about the school.

If you text or call outside the school geofence then it just sends the regular 9-1-1 call. Staff assist-gets used for non-emergency uses and is sent to the ISD police only. You can also get notifications of police events near the campus or within a bubble around the geofence.

It auto-integrates with Rapid Deploy. No hardware is needed. It can be implemented in only a few weeks and the minimal training is needed. The pricing is based on number of schools in the system.
- 2023 Texas Public Safety Conference items** – Leticia Truex

 1. Conference booth committee- discussion was had about people interested in doing this
 2. Streama sponsorship with TNT
 3. Public Education sessions- please give any session applications to Pam Frisk
 4. Kid Hero & Public Educator of the Year Award- the deadline for these is Jan 20th for APCO and NENA. Go to Texas NENA website and the awards nominations are on the front page. The New officer nominations are there as well.
- April- National 9-1-1 Education Month Campaign/TC Recognition-**

We are looking at coming up with a theme to use for TC week. We will then push it out to the state for everyone to use.

Discussion was had about the idea to push out new phone SOS features. This would be for phones & watches for iPhone, Samsung and Google pixel. This would show people how to set up their phones to get 9-1-1 medical help. We may have a tip each day of April. There are web pages on how to access info. This can go on the Facebook pages. You may be able to schedule posts to go out each day or week. We will add them to our resource page. People can then download them to use. Kristin volunteered to help get them put together. Andrea said she will look at topics to add.
- NENA Updates-** Sonya Clauson
 NENA Standard & Best Practice is in Clearwater, FL Jan 16-19.
- Legislative Updates-** Andrea Shepard

Federal:

Communications and NG911 funding was left out of the Omnibus bill the president signed before the holidays

New Pipeline Rule: New rule from the Dept of Transportation pertaining to the requirement of pipeline operators to notify the 9-1-1 PSAP/Call Center immediately following a notification of potential rupture.

State: 88th Legislative session starts 1/10 with the swearing in of both house and senate members. Committees will be assigned in the coming weeks

On 12/5, the Tx Ed Agency held a hearing regarding the proposal to change the school safety rules. Public comment was open until 12/12. If adopted, there will be changes for 911 communication with school districts. Changes proposed include a communications infrastructure to be implemented and include:

(A) ensure equipment is in place such that law enforcement and emergency responder two-way radios can function within most portions of the building(s); and

(B) Include a panic alert button, duress, or equivalent alarm system, via standalone hardware or integrated into other telecommunications devices that includes the following functionality.

(i) An alert must be capable of being triggered manually by campus staff.

(ii) An alert must be triggered automatically in the event a district employee calls 911 using the hardware described in this subparagraph from any location within the school system.

(iii) With any alert generated, the location of where the alert originated shall be included.

(iv) The alert must notify a set of designated school administrators as needed to provide confirmation of response, and, if confirmed, notice must be issued to law enforcement and emergency responder agencies of an emergency situation requiring a law enforcement and/or emergency response. A notice can simultaneously be issued to all school staff of the need to follow appropriate emergency procedures.

(v) For any exterior doors that feature electronic locking mechanisms that allow for remote locking, the alert system will trigger those doors to automatically lock and to automatically notify relevant campus staff of any door where the lock cannot engage.

(2) Exterior door numbering site plan.

(A) A school system must develop and maintain an accurate site layout and exterior door designation document for each instructional facility school system-wide that identifies all exterior doors in the instructional facility and depicts all exterior doors on a floor plan with an alpha-numeric designation, in accordance with the door numbering specifications established in subsection (c)(1) of this section.

(B) Copies of exterior door numbering site plans shall be readily available in each campus main office.

(C) Electronic copies of exterior door numbering site plans shall be supplied to the local 911 entity so that the site plans can be made available to emergency responders by 911 dispatchers.

(3) Maintenance.

(A) A school system shall perform at least twice-yearly maintenance checks to ensure the facility components required in subsection (c) of this section function as required. At a minimum, maintenance checks shall ensure the following:

(i) Instructional facility exterior doors function properly, including meeting the requirements in subsection (c)(3)(A) and (C) of this section;

(ii) the locking mechanism for any ground-level windows that can be opened function properly;

(iii) any perimeter barriers and related gates function properly;

(iv) all panic alert or similar emergency notification systems in classrooms and campus central offices function properly, which includes at least verification from multiple campus staff and classroom locations that a notification can be issued and received by the appropriately designated personnel, that the alert is successfully broadcast to all campus staff and to appropriate law enforcement and emergency responders, and that a potential threat observed on video triggers an alert from video surveillance monitoring systems;

(v) all phones report location services properly when engaging 911/E911 systems;

(vi) all exterior master key boxes function properly and the keys they contain function properly;

(vii) law enforcement and emergency responder two-way radios operate effectively within each instructional facility; and

(viii) two-way radios used by school system peace officers, school resource officers, or school marshals properly communicate with local law enforcement and emergency response services.

(B) A school system shall ensure procedures are in place to require that staff who become aware of a facility component functionality deficiency that would be identified during the twice-yearly maintenance review described by subparagraph (A) of this paragraph immediately report the deficiency to the school system's administration, regardless of the status of the twice-yearly maintenance review.

(C) A school system shall promptly remedy any deficiencies discovered as a consequence of maintenance checks required by subparagraph (A) of this paragraph or reports made under subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

If adopted, these changes will take effect 3/2023

HB 669 Panic Button Bill, also referred to as Alyssa's Law

By: Thierry H.B. No. 6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT relating to school districts and open-enrollment charter schools providing panic alert devices in classrooms. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as Alyssa's Law.

SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 37, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 37.117 to read as follows: Sec. 37.117. PANIC ALERT DEVICE. (a) Each school district and open-enrollment charter school shall provide each classroom in the district or school with a panic alert device that allows for immediate contact with district or school emergency services or emergency services agencies, law enforcement agencies, health departments, and fire departments. (b) A panic alert device provided by a school district or open-enrollment charter school under this section does not satisfy the requirement under Section 37.108 (a) (2) for the district or school to ensure employees have classroom access to a telephone or another electronic communication device. (c) To comply with this section, a school district or open-enrollment charter school may: (1) use funds provided to the district or school through the school safety allotment under Section 48.115 or other available funds; and (2) use the district's or school's customary procurement process.

SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

- Committee Breakouts/Reports-
- Share Time – 2 minutes
 - Pam Frisk- Last year we did snuggies and theme was Surround with Love. Maybe doing CARE theme with masks, healthy eating and exercise.

No share time notes. There were a lot of people who left early due to early flights. Most people are working on what they are going to do for telecommunicator week though.

- New Business

None
- Old Business

None
- Adjourn – Adjourned at 2:30pm.