



**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education**

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: Virginia Center for School Safety – Current Trainings
FEMA Emergency Management Institute Online Training**

The Virginia Center for School Safety (VCSS) within the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice services provides a variety of training, resources and support to Virginia schools. The current list of K-12 related trainings is listed below. These trainings are free unless otherwise noted.

2013 School and Campus Safety Training Forum *(2 ½ day conference, \$100)*

August 5-7, Hampton Convention Center, Hampton, VA
2013

Threat Assessment *(Four, One-day workshops for the K-12 Environment)*

August 14, New River Community College, Dublin, VA
2013

August 20, Blue Ridge Community College, Weyers Cave, VA
2013

August 27, Germanna Community College, Fredericksburg, VA
2013

August 29, Richard Bland Community College, Petersburg, VA
2013

Back to School Safety and Security Workshop for Schools and Campuses

August 21, Richmond International Raceway, Richmond, VA
2013

School Resource Officer/School Security Officer Basic Training *(Administrators welcome)*

October 15-18, 2013
Roanoke Police Academy, Roanoke, VA

Two-day Principal/School Administrator and Law Enforcement Forums (*Various locations, under development*)

Fall 2013 Topics will include *Legal Issues/Threat Management Systems, new legislation and implications for K-12 schools, Safety Audits and Safety Audit Teams, crime reporting, and school safety inspection checklists based on CPTED concepts.*

Registration and additional information including available resources is available on the VCSS Web site at <http://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/vcss/>.

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FEMA Offers Mass Casualty Training to Schools and Higher Education Institutions

Emergency managers and administrators in K-12 schools and higher education institutions may receive free online training to be prepared for mass casualty events. Available on FEMA's training Web site, the course is designed to help develop planning and response procedures to possible threats. The three-hour course offers 0.3 "Continuing Education Units (CEUs)" and a course certification upon completion of the exam. To register for the course, go to <http://go.usa.gov/jxhG>.

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