



**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**  
**Department of Education**

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: Implementation of 2013 School Safety Legislation - Virginia Center for School Safety Trainings, Fall 2013**

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of the school safety and security training for school administrators and school resource officers (SRO) in October and November 2013. The school safety trainings will provide practical information for implementing the 2013 legislative actions which include creating a threat assessment management system and basic SRO and school security officer instruction. The Virginia Center for School Safety (VCSS) within the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services is offering the trainings at no cost to participants.

The trainings will assist school divisions in sustaining a safe and secure school environment and maintaining compliance with the new legislative mandates. The fall K-12 trainings, dates, locations, registration and contact information are listed below.

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

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

**One- or Two-day School Administrator and Advanced SRO Forums** (Participants may sign up for both days or day 1 or day 2 only)

Day 1: *Practical Application of New Legislation and K-12 Resources*

Day 2: *Effectively Creating a K-12 Threat Management System*

October 29-30, 2013, Greenfield Education and Training Center, Daleville, VA

October 31- Nov 1, 2013, Virginia Beach Convention Center, Virginia Beach, VA

November 12-13, 2013, Southwest VA Higher Education Learning Center, Abingdon, VA

November 14-15, 2013, University of Mary Washington/Stafford, Fredericksburg, VA

November 19-20, Fulghum Center/Chesterfield, Richmond, VA

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Registration and additional information, including available resources, is available at the Web site for the VCSS at <http://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/vcss/>. Questions may be directed to Donna Michaelis, manager, public safety training and the Virginia Center for School Safety at 804-371-6506, [donna.michaelis@dcjs.virginia.gov](mailto:donna.michaelis@dcjs.virginia.gov) or Shellie MacKenzie, school and campus safety training coordinator, at 804-225-1863 or [shellie.mackenzie@dcjs.virginia.gov](mailto:shellie.mackenzie@dcjs.virginia.gov).

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