

## REMINDER: Online Training for Emergency Response Procedures Available Through OCM BOCES Health & Safety

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**TO: School Superintendents, Business Administrators, Safety Officers**

Good Afternoon,

REMINDER: Emergency Response Online Training is available through the OCM BOCES Health, Safety & Risk Management Service. Our online program is enhanced to include basic threat awareness and workplace violence prevention.

You may find this option very helpful as a make-up alternative for individuals who are not able to attend live in-district training and/or those hired after the start of the year. Additionally, this training can be used to comply with the Sept. 15 deadline in situations where more specific in-district training might occur after Sept. 15.

As you are aware, several amendments were made to the Education Law that became effective in the 2016 - 17 school year pertaining to emergency management plans. Among the changes were new training requirements as reflected in the Commissioner's Regulations 155.17. (Note: Other than subjects listed below, SED does not detail specific curriculum or duration of training.)

*"... district must certify to the commissioner that ALL staff have undergone annual training by September 15, 2016 **and each subsequent September 15 thereafter** on the building-level emergency response plan which must include components on violence prevention and mental health, provided further that new employees hired after the start of the school year shall receive such training within 30 days of hire or as part of the district's existing new hire training program, whichever is sooner.*

To supplement your efforts to provide this training, we have created an online training module to provide an overview of: Building Level Emergency Plans, Required Drills, "S.H.E.L.L." Concept, Review of SHELL Response Procedures, Dangerous & Armed Persons, Violence Prevention and Threats of Violence.

The online training is available on our website at: <[ocmboces.org](http://ocmboces.org)> <Quick Links> <Health & Safety> <Emergency Response Procedures - Orientation Training>. It is 29 slides and should not require more than 15 - 20 minutes to view. Participants are asked to register their information into our electronic database for record keeping/compliance purposes.

The direct link below can be shared with your staff and/or embedded on your District website (for best results participants should access link directly from their web browser):

[Emergency Response Procedures - Orientation Training](#)

As always, we are available to provide in-person training during staff orientation days, faculty meetings and other forums.

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