

Questions and Answers
Town Hall Meeting
Safety and Security
February 25, 2019

Q: What is the relationship between the school and police and fire department? How and when do they work together?

A: The District and the City's first responders maintain a cooperative relationship. District security personnel speak frequently with the Police and Fire Departments, including a conversation with police every Monday to discuss anything of note that happened over the weekend. The Police Department alerts the District when a security concern in the community arises.

Police and fire officials serve on the District's SAVE Team, which discusses safety issues.

Q: Please explain what student behavior/actions would require the school to alert parents of an incident?

A: The parents of a student involved in an incident such as a fight are immediately notified. The school and/or District sends notice more broadly to the school community, or the entire District, when an incident is believed to present a potential threat to the general school population or to the surrounding area.

Q: During lockdown drills, will there be a police presence? (What is the difference between a lockdown and a lockout?)

A: Police are invited to lockdown drills, and will be on site if an actual lockdown ever becomes necessary.

A **lockdown** is called when there is an active danger inside a school. In a lockdown, students and faculty are held in place until the threat is cleared.

A **lockout** is called when there is a potential danger in the area of a school such as a suspect being pursued by police or a wounded animal spotted in nearby yards or woods. In a lockout, no one is allowed in or out of a school building, but operations within the school proceed as usual.