

School Mass Shooting Prevention and Response Program CCR

Public Safety Committee

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Background Information



- CCR submitted by District 8 Councilmember Pelaez on April 2023
- CCR asks for the City Council to adopt and meaningfully fund an evidence-based an expert guided mass shooting prevention and response plan for local schools

CCR Details

- Initiative must address the root causes of school shootings
- Metro Health SA Forward Plan should inform the proposed prevention, crisis response, and damage reduction plans
- Using SA Forward as a guide, ISD staff, students, parents, community members and workers, as well as COSA should coordinate efforts to improve mental health resources available for families and for tracking of individuals known to engage in red-flag behaviors, trauma-informed care services, and early-education aimed at violence prevention

Shared Responsibility Approach

Texas Education Agency

- Monitor the implementation of School District Safety and Security Requirements
- Establish Office of School Safety and Security
- Provide technical assistance to School Districts

Police Departments (SAPD/ISD)

- Active Threat Response
- Threat Assessments
- Firearm purchase disqualification review
- Collaboration & Training ISD Departments

Metro Health

- SA Forward Plan and Violence Prevention and Strategic Plan
- Trauma-informed care services
- Mental Health resources
- Early-education for prevention

Texas Statutory Requirements (HB 3)

- Texas Education Code 37.1083
 - Establishes Office of School Safety and Security
 - Coordinates with Texas School Safety Center at Texas State University
 - Conducts vulnerability assessment of school districts
- Texas Education Code 37.0814
 - Requires armed security for each campus during regular school hours
- Texas Education Code 37.081
 - School District Police/Security personnel must protect:
 - Safety and welfare of persons in their jurisdiction
 - Property of the School District

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Training Requirements (SB 1852)

- **ALERRT Level 1 Response**
 - All Texas Peace Officers must complete 16 hours of Active Threat Training every two years.
 - Training curriculum emphasizes the priority of life and to stop the threat and treat the wounded.
 - Ensures coordination across multi-agency response.

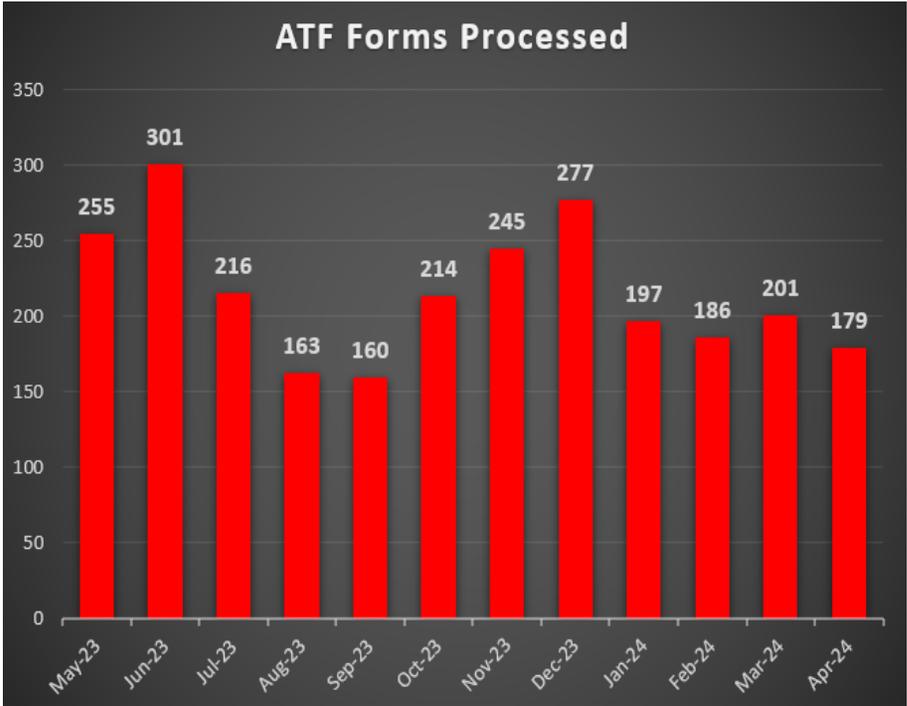
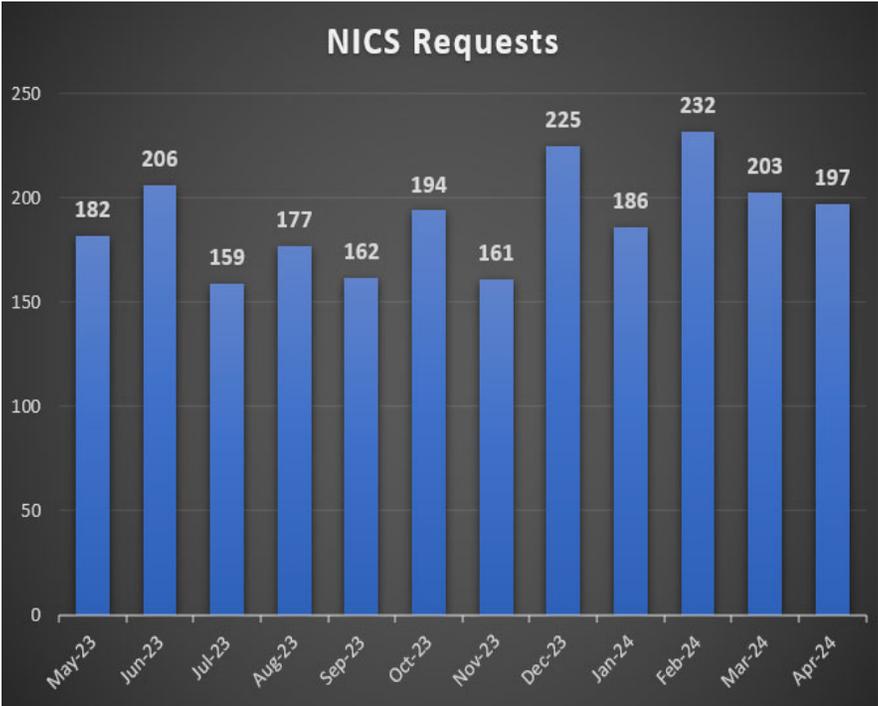
SAPD – Threat Assessment Resources

- Fusion Center
 - 42 County area of responsibility
 - Public Safety Threat Assessment Group (PSTAG): Multi-agency & multi-disciplinary group tasked with developing threat mitigation strategies and addressing targeted violence.
 - Behavioral Threat Assessment Group (BTAG): Designed to assess threats, implement prevention strategies, manage acute threat situations, and provide rapid awareness and action.
- Mental Health Support

SAPD – Threat Behavior Assessment

- Fusion Center & Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, & Firearms (ATF) collaboration
 - The National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) was established by the Brady Act in 1993
 - In 2022, the “Bipartisan Safer Communities Act” was enacted which required law enforcement to research derogatory behavior which could disqualify individuals ages 18 - 21 from purchasing a rifle (handguns are already restricted to over 21 years of age)
 - In 2023, an analyst was hired by SAPD to research firearm purchase requests for individuals ages 18-21, individuals purchasing multiple firearms, individuals requesting a Federal Firearm License (FFL), transfer of firearm registration requests, and National Firearms Act (NFA) requests for suppressive devices

SAPD – Threat Behavior Assessment Continued



SAPD – Current Collaboration

SAPD continuously works with schools to ensure campus safety

- Intelligence Sharing
 - 92 Fusion Liaison Officers (and growing quarterly) with direct contact to:
 - 24 ISD in San Antonio Area
 - 8 Universities/Colleges
 - 12 Charter Schools
- Participate in student events and activities
- Outreach Services
- Staff Training and site assessments
- Annual meetings with area superintendents and Police Chiefs

SAPD – SCHOOL TRAINING EFFORTS

- Courses offered to area school personnel to enhance response to mass shooting and critical incidents:
 - Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE)
 - Active Attack & Integrated Response (AAIR)
 - Active Attack Integrated Training
 - Critical Incident Management Training
 - ALERRT Level 1 Response

SAPD – Communication & Threat Response



- Over 70+ schools and organizations utilize “LifeSpot” technology which allows for the rapid notification of Staff, First Responders, and 911 Dispatch if an emergency event occurs at their location.
- SAPD SWAT is equipped with access and direct notification from LifeSpot users in case of emergencies.
- Immediate notification allows for improved response and quicker resolution.

Metro Health Partnership

- SA Forward
 - Mental health and community resilience
 - Gun violence intervention among youths
- Violence Prevention Strategic Plan
 - Safe school climate and supportive network
 - Counseling services
 - Parenting support
 - Risk identification
 - School hardening
 - Multi-sector collaboration
- Metro Health and SAPD collaboration efforts to address:
 - Youth violence
 - Gun violence

School Mass Shooting Prevention and Response Program Outline

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