



Fayette County Sheriff's Office

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Press Information

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Fayette County School Security

The incident on Friday, December 14, 2012, at Sandy Hook Elementary School, in Newtown, Connecticut was heartbreaking and a tragedy of an incalculable magnitude. The men and women of the Fayette County Sheriff's Office are keeping the 26 individuals who lost their lives, the survivors, and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

The Sheriff's Office wants to reassure our community that the Fayette County Board of Education, the Fayette County Sheriff's Office, the Fayetteville Police Department, the Peachtree City Police Department, and the Tyrone Police Department have worked and continue to work closely to protect our children and their educators from harm. The Board of Education, in concert with law enforcement has developed policies and procedures to address these types of situations. We believe these procedures to be the best defense against such unimaginable situations.

Every Fayette County High School and Middle School has School Resources Officers assigned to these schools. We are increasing our patrols at our elementary schools not because of any threat towards a school but simply as a means of reassuring parents, staff, and ultimately our children that they are now and will be safe from harm. We want to stress that there are no known threats or potential threats directed toward any school in Fayette County.

Although there are no known threats toward any school in Fayette County, continued vigilance is always the best policy. Should any of our citizens become aware of any act or activity they feel is suspicious with regard to a school or any other person or location in Fayette County, please call the Fayette County Emergency Communications Center by dialing 911 or calling 770-461-4357 (HELP) right away.