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NEWS RELEASE

BGPD and CCSD21 Partner to Host Active Threat Response Training

Buffalo Grove, IL – The Buffalo Grove Police Department (BGPD) has once again joined with administrators from Community Consolidated School District 21 (CCSD21) to provide active threat response training to school teachers and staff. The BGPD has participated in this proactive, ongoing training since early 2018.

The goal of this partnership is to improve security measures throughout the district, while providing teachers and staff with continuing education on how to be best prepared in the event of an active threat. Recommendations on security cameras, locking mechanisms and general safety tips have been discussed during CCSD21's Safety and Security Committee meetings and Safety and School Design Committee meetings.

"This partnership demonstrates our department's absolute commitment to school safety," said Buffalo Grove Police Chief Steven Casstevens. "Our officers have dedicated themselves to ensuring teachers and staff will be equipped to better handle an exigent situation. By incorporating first responders into the planning and implementation stages, the district has created safer schools and stronger relationships, which will have a positive effect on the entire district."

In the coming weeks, BGPD officers will lead CCSD21 educators and staff through scenarios that are designed to evoke different responses to a threat. Topics such as lockdowns, barricading rooms, evacuating and countering threats will be discussed and demonstrated. CCSD21 Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Lynn Glickman, spearheaded the partnership and understands this training may be difficult for some educators, a sentiment that is echoed by CCSD21 Superintendent Dr. Michael Connolly.

"Our training will be sobering and contains sensitive subject matter, which may be emotionally impactful, but we have seen time and again that we must be prepared to respond to unlikely events, and we must be empowered to be an active part of ensuring the safety of our students, ourselves and others," Dr. Connolly said.

As CCSD21 spans multiple jurisdictions, BGPD will be joined by officers from the Arlington Heights and Mount Prospect Police Departments during training.

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