



[Facebook](#) [Twitter](#)

**September 2017**

WSSCA Newsletter

The "news you can use" periodical for Wisconsin's school safety and security professionals

September is National Preparedness month.

Watch for a special newsletter coming later this month dedicated to the topic of preparedness.



**And, they're off!**

*Boom! The 2017-18 School Year has begun, and if it's like every year past, it started with great excitement, lots of last-minute rush jobs, significant noise and hubbub, long days, restless nights, and hopefully, a deep feeling of satisfaction among those doing the heavy lifting to get the schools ready for the year.*

*As I've visited schools during the summer months I've been impressed with the fact that our facilities folks have so effectively put the classrooms, hallways, offices, and exteriors in spit-and-polish shape. There is*

**Executive Committee**

President  
Brian Koffarnus  
Greendale

Past President  
Pat Meyer  
De Pere

First Vice President  
Jim Jozwiakowski  
Cottage Grove

Second Vice

*a clear correlation between clean, safe and welcoming learning environments, and high levels of student learning. To the men and women who are responsible for the summer maintenance, projects, and general upkeep, thank you! Ed*

## **Are Your Chemical Hygiene Plans in Order?**



*When I was a high school principal I had several circular conversations with district staff about chemical hygiene plans for our schools. It seemed to be one of those “out-of-sight, out-of-mind” issues along with other possible risks and hazard situations that we hoped would, “never happen here.” We learned, however, that indeed these things can happen here, and the resulting cleanup from a mercury incident in the late nineties ran into the several hundreds of thousands of dollars. Vigilance and preparation, my friends. It isn’t exciting, but, boy can it make a difference. You will find a link to a very useful template and guide from our Department of Safety and Professional Services that comprehensively addresses the development and institution of a school chemical hygiene plan. Ed*

### **CHP Overview**

All Wisconsin schools engaged in the use of chemicals in a laboratory are required to develop and implement a written chemical hygiene plan (CHP)

Per OSHA, DPI, and DSPS, school districts are required to set forth procedures, equipment, PPE, work practices, training, and policies to help protect students and employees from the health hazards presented by hazardous chemicals used in their classrooms/workplaces.

President  
John Stangler  
Pewaukee

Secretary  
Melissa Nettesheim  
Wauwtosa

### **Board of Directors**

Norm Davis  
Westby

Joe Harvey  
Kimberly

Dave Schultz  
Wauwatosa

Jeremiah Johnson  
Muskego Norway

Jay Jones  
Oshkosh

Tim Gorecki  
Muskego Norway

Scott Johnson  
West Salem

### **Board of Advisors**

Jodi Traas  
Appleton

Dave Young  
Brookfield

Bill Freeman  
Lake Mills

Gary Rosplach  
Muskego

A chemical hygiene plan (CHP) must:

- Describe standard operating procedures.
- Define criteria for implementation of control measures (i.e. engineering controls, administrative controls, and PPE).
- Define (and document) procedures to maintain proper functioning of chemical fume hoods and protective equipment. This includes procedures such as checking the flow rate of hoods and verifying that equipment is working properly.
- Provide employee information and training.
- Provide criteria for “prior approval.” Where you have processes or procedures where employees have to get prior approval (e.g., working alone) criteria allow you to make arrangements for protection.
- Provide criteria for medical consultation and examination.
- Designate personnel responsible for implementation of the CHP. Employers must designate responsibilities to a variety of people both in and out of lab, including the Chemical Hygiene Officer and others. The highest up person should sign the plan, saying that he/she has authorized the plan.
- Provide employee protection from particularly hazardous substances. Inventory chemicals and decide which fall into this category—for example, carcinogens and extremely reactive materials.

The Chemical Hygiene Plan must be easily accessible and designed to protect employees from health hazards associated with the specific hazardous chemicals in their laboratories. The plan can be maintained and available electronically, however employees must know how to access it.

Barbara Dorff  
Green Bay

Alyssa Hrubes  
Platteville

IT Director  
Stacy Washington  
Green Bay

Executive Director  
Edward L. Dorff  
Green Bay

Click [here](#) for more information.

## **Poll: Parental Fear Surrounding School Safety Lowest Since 2012**

*Campus Safety Magazine, August 18, 2017 [Amy Brennan](#)*

The poll also found that student fear is at an all-time low since it started reporting the statistic back in 1999 following the Columbine school shooting.

Statistics from a new poll shows that 1 in 4 parents, about 24%, fear for their children's safety while they are at school.

The poll, called the Work and Education poll, was conducted from August 2 to August 6 by Gallup, an American global performance-management consulting company. The company has been administering the poll annually since 1977.

The newest poll results were gathered through phone interviews with a random sample of 233 parents of K-12 children living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

Parents were asked, "Thinking about your child, when he or she is at school, do you fear for his or her physical safety?"

Gallup says that when parents hear "physical safety", they could be considering many factors such as bullying, physical violence between students, unsafe school conditions, or school shootings.

The last time parental worry was this low was in August 2012, just a few months before the number skyrocketed following the Sandy Hook mass shooting.

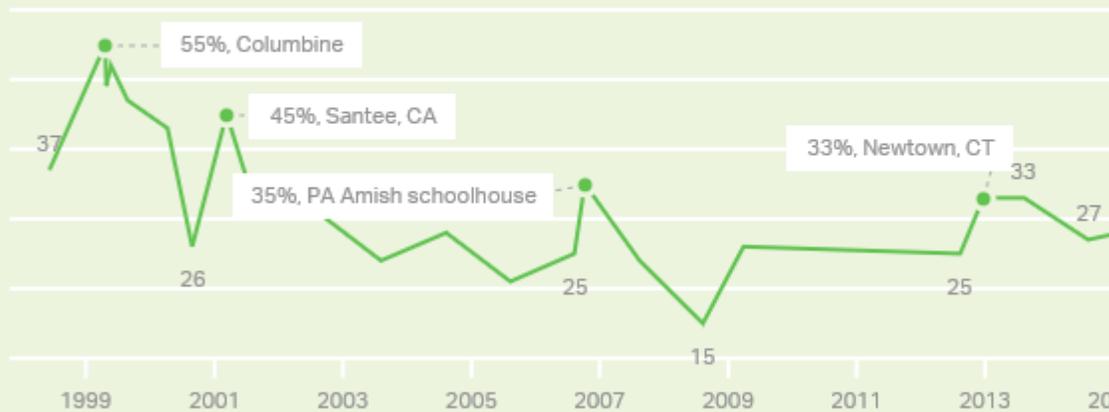
After the Newtown tragedy, parental fear rose to 33%. That number remained unchanged for over a year and then slightly decreased each year following until reaching this year's newest low since before Newtown.

Gallup attributes the consistently high level of fear to the young age of the victims in the Sandy Hook shooting.

## Parents' Fears of Child Being Harmed at School, Back to Pre-Newtown Levels

Thinking about your oldest child, when he or she is at school, do you fear for his or her physical safety?

■ % Yes, fear



1977 data point (24% fear) not shown.

GALLUP

Not surprisingly, the poll shows that parental fear has typically surged following a mass school shooting:

- In April 1999, following the Columbine High School shooting, parental fear rose to 55%, an all-time high for the poll
- In March 2001, following the Santana High School shooting, parental fear rose to 45%
- In October 2006, following the shooting at a Pennsylvania Amish schoolhouse, parental fear rose to 35%

The poll also shows that the historical low point for parental concern was in 2008 at 15%. The average parental concern since the start of the poll in 1977 is 29%.

### Student Fear at an All-time Low

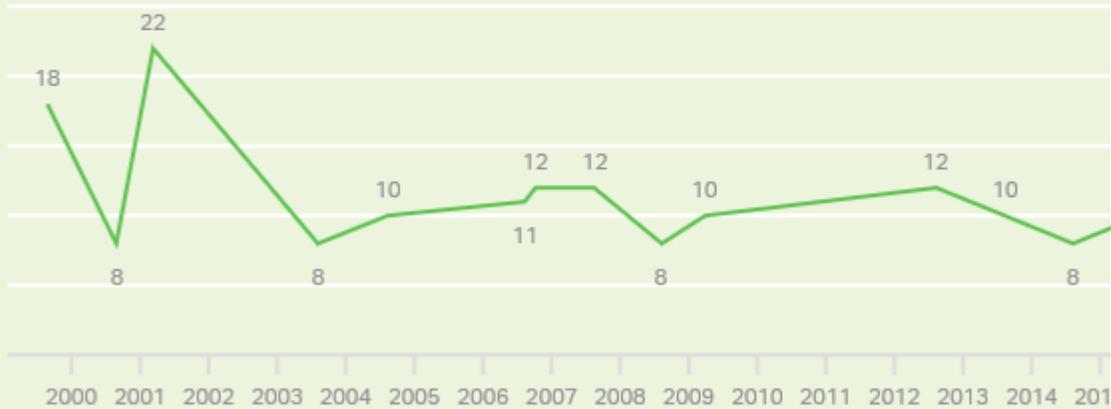
The poll shows that 6% of parents reported that their children expressed concern regarding their safety while at school.

The question asked stated, "Have any of your school-aged children expressed any worry or concern about feeling unsafe at their school when they go back to school this fall?"

## Record-Low Percentage of Parents Say Their Children Have Expressed School Safety Concerns

Have any of your school-aged children expressed any worry or concern about feeling unsafe at their school when they go back to school this fall?

■ % Yes, expressed concern



GALLUP

The first year Gallup asked this question was in 1999 following the Columbine shooting. Student fear was at 18% that year. The highest reading of 22% followed the Santee shooting.

This year's results are the lowest in the 18 years of reporting. In those 18 years, on average, 11% of students voiced concern about their safety in school.

**Helpful Resources on Our Website**

Are you aware of the abundance of resources that WSSCA has amassed and made available to members of our web pages? I've included the link to our Resources pages below, and I invite you to check it out.

If there are any topics that you would like to see included in our Resources link, please send me an email at [wssca@wssca.org](mailto:wssca@wssca.org) with your suggestions.

Click [here](#) and check it out!



**Early Registration is Now Open for Members!**

**WSSCA's 50th Anniversary  
Conference and Expo**

**February 26 - 27, 2018**



We anticipate our 2018 conference to sell out! Make sure to reserve your seat.

## *50 Years of Keeping School Safe*



### **Check out our keynote speaker!**

Through the generosity of WSSCA Member and Friend, Dave Trudeau of TruArmor LLC, our keynote speaker will be Lt. Col. Dave Grossman. I know that Col. Grossman is well-known to many who are tasked with safety and security, and he is sure to be a big draw. I anticipate great interest in the 50<sup>th</sup>, and our Professional Development and Communication Committees will be working hard in planning for the 50<sup>th</sup>.

Click [here](#) to read more about Dave.

**PROFESSIONAL  
LEARNING**

**Register for our next  
professional learning  
opportunity!**

**Certification Course Modules 1  
and 6**

**October 25, 2017**

**Holiday Inn Madison at The American Center  
Madison, WI 53718**

If you are interested in learning more about our certification program click [here](#).

## Quotes of the Month

“My favorite poem is the one that starts 'Thirty days hath September,' because it actually tells you something.” - Groucho Marx

“For working people and union members, Labor Day stands for something special and profound. It's a day to honor the deep commitment each of us has to serve the children we teach, the families we heal, and the communities we love.” - Randi Weingarten

## Borrowed Humor





School Safety Certification  
2017 Course Schedule

Modules	Course Titles	Dates	Location
1&6	Health and Safety Compliance Part A General Aspects of Crisis Management	October 25, 2017	Madison, WI

Thank you to our newsletter sponsors!

Visit their websites by clicking on their ad.



*WSSCA has space available for advertising in our newsletter which reaches 300+ members each month.*

*Maximize your exposure to our state-wide readers.*

*\$100 per month | \$200 for 3 months | \$300 for 6 months*

WSSCA CONTACT INFORMATION  
Mr. Edward L. Dorff Executive Director  
Telephone: [920-615-3926](tel:920-615-3926)  
Email: [wssca@wssca.org](mailto:wssca@wssca.org):  
web: [wssca.org](http://wssca.org)

Copyright © 2016 Wisconsin School Safety Coordinators Association. All rights reserved.

Contact email: [wssca@wssca.org](mailto:wssca@wssca.org)

You are receiving this message because you opted in at  
<http://wssca.wildapricot.org/>

[Unsubscribe](#)