

AWR 148: Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents: Partnering Rural Law Enforcement, First Responders, and Local School Systems

AWR 148 is an 8-hour, DHS/FEMA-certified, tuition-free course designed to educate rural law enforcement personnel as well as school administrators and staff on the elements that would allow for an effective response to school-based emergencies. Schools in small, rural, and remote areas across the country account for almost 23 percent of the total student population (more than 11 million students). Rural schools, law enforcement, and other emergency responders are often limited in resources. It is imperative that all potentially affected parties collaborate on planning, preparing, communicating, responding, and recovering from a school-based incident.

Topics include (but not limited to):

- Introduction to Incident Planning and Preparedness
- Proactive Threat Mitigation
- Incident Response
- Incident Recovery
- Vulnerability Assessments
- Threat Assessment Management
- Incident Defusing and Debriefing
- Reunification
- Anniversaries, Memorials, “Copy-Cats”

Who should attend:

- All First Responders, especially Law Enforcement
- School Administrators
- School Safety and Security Personnel
- Community Emergency Management Personnel
- Community Mental Health Personnel
- Community Stakeholders



Location:

Victoria, Texas

Address:

Education Service Center (ESC3)
15555 N. US 77
Victoria, TX 77904

Sponsoring Agency

Victoria Emergency Management and ESC3

Course Date:

March 26, 2026

Course Time:

8:00am-5:00pm CT

Course Registration Deadline (date/time):

March 12, 2026 / 5:00pm CT

Prerequisites:

Non-U.S. citizens are required to complete a DHS Foreign National Visitor Request form 30 days in advance. Contact RDPC at 877-855-RDPC (7372) for more info.

Registration is **required** through the **RDPC website**. Register for this course by visiting the following link:

<https://studentportal.ruraltraining.org/courses/display/484>

Register **no later than 2 weeks** before the course date. A **minimum of 20 registrations** must be received by this date to ensure the class will be held.

FEMA S.I.D. REQUIRED. Register for your FEMA Student Identification Number by visiting <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>

For more information regarding this course, please contact the following:

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Additional Course Information

To speak with someone from the sponsoring agency, Victoria Emergency Management and ESC3, please contact Jena Banda at 361-676-1460 or jenabanda@vctx.org