

Colorado Division of Fire Safety

The Division of Fire Safety (DFS) was created within CDPS on July 1, 1984. Its mission is to protect those that live, work and play in Colorado, by reducing threats to lives, property and the environment. DFS accomplishes this through code enforcement and by strengthening emergency response capabilities to those incidents that cannot be prevented.

To help achieve its mission, the Division:

- Ensures the building code is enforced during school construction projects, and that new and existing school buildings are maintained in accordance with the fire code;
- Assists local government, including public schools, in coordinating their fire safety and emergency management activities with state and federal agencies;
- Encourages and assists in cooperative efforts to solve common problems;
- Provides technical assistance in developing solutions to local fire and life safety problems; and
- Serves as a clearinghouse for fire safety related information.

Under HB09-1151, the public school construction and inspection programs within both the Division of Fire Safety and the Division of Oil and Public Safety, within the Department of Labor and Employment, were consolidated within the Division of Fire Safety on January 1, 2010. The Division's priority for the school construction and inspection program is to apply the resources necessary to enforce applicable codes during plan review, construction and through annual fire inspections.

The Division also has responsibility for helping implement the National Incident Management System (NIMS) in Colorado by providing Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Public Schools and Incident Command System training to Colorado public schools.

For more information, please visit www.dfs.state.co.us



Colorado Department of Public Safety

The mission of the Colorado Department of Public Safety is to provide a safe environment in Colorado by maintaining, promoting and enhancing public safety through law enforcement, criminal investigations, fire and crime prevention, recidivism reduction and victim advocacy. The CDPS also provides professional support to the criminal justice system, fire safety community, other governmental agencies and private entities. Throughout, our goal is to serve the public through an organization that emphasizes quality and integrity.



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Automated Critical Asset Management System

The Automated Critical Asset Management System (ACAMS) is a Web-enabled information services portal that helps state and local governments build critical infrastructure/key resource (CIKR) protection programs in their local jurisdictions. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Department of Education and the State of Colorado consider educational institutions to be a critical infrastructure and key resource (CIKR).

ACAMS provides a set of tools and resources that help law enforcement, emergency response personnel, other public safety entities and educational facilities to;

- ◆ Collect and use CIKR asset data;
- ◆ Assess CIKR asset vulnerabilities;
- ◆ Develop all-hazards incident response and recovery plans; and
- ◆ Build public-private partnerships.

Capabilities

ACAMS is a secure online database that allows for the collection and management of educational facility's asset data; the cataloguing, screening and sorting of this data; the production of tailored infrastructure reports; and the development of a variety of pre- and post-incident response plans useful to strategic and operational planners and tactical commanders.

Users

ACAMS is used by a vetted group of diverse organizations responsible for building, implementing, and operating CIKR protection programs at the state and local level. Individual users are typically state and local emergency responders, such as infrastructure protection planners, homeland security officials, law enforcement personnel, emergency managers and school security personnel. These users have official infrastructure protection or homeland security responsibilities and have completed ACAMS training. Users in 35 U.S. states and local jurisdictions participate in the ACAMS program.

Access to ACAMS

ACAMS is a Web-based tool accessible via a secure unclassified, password-protected Internet portal. ACAMS accounts are granted by the Department of Homeland Security to authorized state and local emergency responders, emergency managers, homeland security officials and other personnel with official infrastructure protection responsibilities following authorized ACAMS training. Information housed in ACAMS is considered protected critical infrastructure information (PCII), and as such, is protected from unauthorized disclosure to those who do not possess a need to know and PCII user training. The protections afforded under PCII help ensure that the information in ACAMS (such as emergency plans or critical nodes within a facility) is there to help emergency responders in times of need, but is not available to the general public. The Governor's Office of Homeland Security endorsed ACAMS as an integral part of critical infrastructure protection in Colorado and is encouraging local jurisdictions to use the system. Educational facilities are encouraged to participate in the ACAMS system and develop a partnership with their local first responders.

To learn more about the CIAC or ACAMS, please call 1-877-509-CIAC or email ciac@ciac.co.gov

Office of Preparedness and Security

The mission of the Office of Preparedness and Security (OPS) is to ensure a safe and secure environment for the citizens of Colorado from intentional acts of terrorism, accidental harmful events or natural disasters through the implementation of innovative prevention methods, coordinated response procedures, and effective recovery plans. Two of the OPS's main functions are the management of the Colorado Information Analysis Center (CIAC) and the Automated Critical Asset Management System (ACAMS). Schools are encouraged to utilize the resources available through OPS to support the safety and security of their facilities, staff and students.

Colorado Information Analysis Center



The Colorado Information Analysis Center or CIAC (pronounced "kayak") was created to protect Colorado citizens and critical infrastructure from all hazards, including terrorism. The CIAC is a centralized resource that collects, analyzes, and disseminates all-hazards information to stakeholders throughout Colorado, and the United States.

To help keep schools safe, report suspicious activity to the CIAC 24-hours a day by calling 1-877-509-CIAC or by visiting www.ciac.co.gov.

Colorado School Safety Resource Center

The Colorado School Safety Resource Center (CSSRC) was established through legislation in 2008 (CRS 24-33.5-1801, et seq.) to collaboratively assist educators, students, parents, emergency responders, and community organizations to create safe, positive and successful school environments for all Colorado students in pre K-12 and higher education schools.

The CSSRC provides resources and training using the U.S. Department of Education's four phase model of crisis planning for schools: prevention/mitigation; preparedness; response/intervention; and recovery.

The Center works collaboratively with other state and federal agencies in these efforts.

The Center provides free consultation, resources, training and technical assistance to foster safe and secure learning environments, positive school climates and early intervention to prevent crisis situations to all Colorado schools.

Our website provides the most current resources and training information for school personnel; emergency responders; community partners; and parents and students on all topics related to school safety.

www.safeschools.state.co.us

Cycle of Crisis Planning*



*The Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools
U.S. Department of Education (January 2007)

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Please call the CSSRC for further information or assistance: 303-239-4435.