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### **HUNTERDON COUNTY PROSECUTORS OFFICE CONDUCTS ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING**

Hunterdon County Prosecutor Anthony P. Kearns, III, Chief of Detectives Frank R. Crisologo, Chief Al Payne Raritan Township Police Department and Kari McGann Superintendent, Flemington Raritan School District announce an Active Shooter drill which took place at the Barley Sheaf School on February 15, 2019. Over fifty participants from local towns, Hunterdon County, Law Enforcement, Fire Departments, EMS and emergency management spent the morning practicing their response to an active shooter scenario. Approximately 15 school district staff, including teachers, principals and administration employee's role played the parts of students in the school when a mock shooter entered the building and opened fire.

According to Prosecutor Kearns, "The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office is committed to providing schools, businesses, houses of worship, the public, law enforcement and other first responders with the necessary tools and resources to effectively plan, prepare, respond and recover from threats of active violence. In 2012, the Hunterdon County Safe Campus Initiative commenced with all public schools adopting common language and responses for various types of school related emergencies, including "active shooter" events. Getting the police and EMS on the same page to a major emergency is key to saving lives."

Prosecutor Kearns continued, "Another important component of the drill was the "after action debrief" where every agency had time to collect information individually and debrief with their own groups. Then the leaders of those groups came together and shared what lessons were learned and how to better prepare for a similar incident."

Prosecutor Kearns added, "I would like to thank all the Agencies and School District employees who participated in the drill. I the community to know that we are preparing, planning and working together well to best respond to all critical incidents in Hunterdon County."

Superintendent Kari McGann stated, "Student and staff safety is a top priority for the Flemington-Raritan Regional School District. The district is focused on being up-to-date in our understanding of security. We focus on new policies and strategies that are suggested and recommended by our trusted professionals. Ensuring school safety and security in Flemington-Raritan Regional School District is

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about prevention and planning ahead. The school district works with emergency services personnel to plan for a safe, healthy, and secure learning environment for all our children and youth in our community. Our schools use a variety of practices and procedures to promote the safety of students, faculty, and staff.”

## **Participating Agencies**

Flemington-Raritan School District  
Flemington Office of Emergency Management  
Flemington-Raritan First Aid and Rescue Squad  
Flemington Borough Police Department  
Raritan Township Police Department  
Raritan Township Fire Company  
Raritan Township Office of Emergency Management  
Hunterdon County Office of Emergency Management  
Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office  
Hunterdon County Rescue Task Force  
Hunterdon County Sheriff's Department

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Pictured, Lt. Kevin Burd, Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office, conducts a safety briefing prior to the start of the drill

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