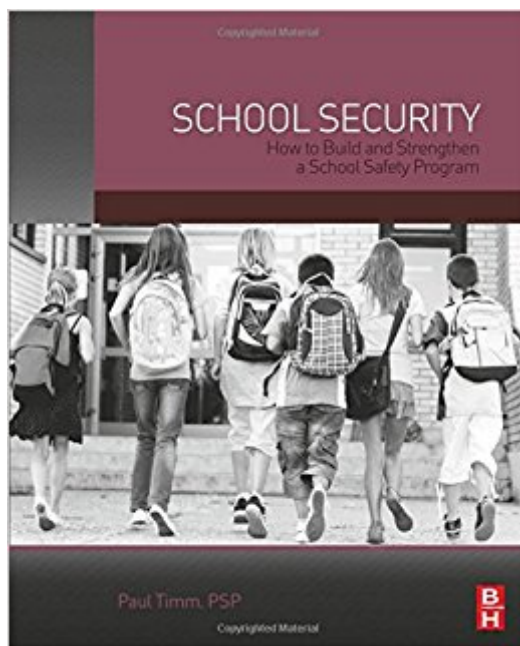


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# School Security: How To Build And Strengthen A School Safety Program



## Synopsis

It seems that every day there's a new story about a security lapse, emergency lock-down, or violent act taking place at a school somewhere in the United States. Today it's simply inexcusable not to have adequate security measures in place regardless of how safe you think your community may be. In *School Security*, author Paul Timm, a nationally acclaimed school security expert, explains how to make your institution a safer place to learn with easy-to-follow steps. Throughout the book, Timm emphasizes a proactive rather than reactive approach to school security. Readers are introduced to basic loss prevention and safety concepts, including how to communicate safety information to students and staff, how to raise security awareness, and how to prepare for emergencies. The book discusses how to positively influence student behavior, lead staff training programs, and write sound security policies. An entire chapter is dedicated to describing what school security resources are available for follow-up reading and further training. *School Security* isn't just a book for security professionals: it helps people without formal security training—namely, educators and school administrators—effectively address school risk. Serves as a comprehensive guide for building an effective security program at little or no cost. Covers fundamental crime prevention concepts, making it suitable for both school security professionals and educators with no formal security training. Addresses the risks commonly facing school administrators today, from access control to social media. Takes a holistic approach to school security rather than focusing on a particular threat or event.

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Paul Timm is a board-certified Physical Security Professional (PSP), president of RETA Security, Inc., and a nationally acclaimed expert in school security. In addition to conducting numerous vulnerability assessments and his frequent keynote addresses, Paul is an experienced School Crisis Assistance Team volunteer through the National Organization for Victims Assistance (NOVA). He holds a patent on a vulnerability assessment methodology known as ALPHA and is certified in Vulnerability Assessment Methodology (VAM) through Sandia National Laboratories. He is a member of ASIS International, where he serves as vice chairman of the School Safety & Security Council, and the Illinois Association of School Business Officials (IASBO), where he serves on the Risk Management Committee. Nearing the completion of his MDiv at Moody Theological Seminary, Paul holds a degree in Speech Communications and a Certificate in Business Administration from the University of Illinois.

A terrific book on school security, "School Security" is clearly written and free of jargon. As a journalist specializing in security, I carry Mr. Timm's book around in my briefcase and refer to it regularly.

Paul Timm is a devoted school security professional with deep knowledge of the subject matter. He is also full of integrity and genuine concerns for this subject matter. I have heard him on the radio regarding school security and was awed by his knowledgeable and practical advice. This book not only covers the hardware security hardware matters, it illustrates strategies to influence behaviors of

the parties involved. There is even a chapter to cover social media risks. Finally, people can acquire his knowledge through this well thought-out book. I highly recommend it to school administrators who wants to make their learning environment safer in this more and more unsafe world.

PaulTimm is an absolute expert in School Security. His level of professionalism is a true testament to the value of this book. His book School Security How to build and strengthen a school safety program is a must for anyone who harbors children. I insist my children's school read this book.

This text should be on every employee's shelf that work in a school. It clearly spells out simple strategies to protect our children and for the administration to set a plan that works for every situation. Thank you to Mr Timm!

If you are concerned with how to comprehensively address school security this is definitely a must read. Very thorough and understandable.

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