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MEMO To: All Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety Subscribers

From: Lindsay Burton

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Subject: **2025 COPS School Violence Prevention Program Grant – Coordinated School Safety Management Program**

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Division of Public Safety Training and the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety (PST-VCSCS) was awarded a grant from the federal Department of Justice, under the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) *School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)*, in the amount of \$270,246 over the next three years. Funding under this award program will be used by our agency's Critical Incident Preparedness and Response (CIPR) team to implement evidence-based training that prepares schools to respond to critical incidents.

This project will deliver a comprehensive, multi-level training program focused on improving responses to active attacks and violent incidents in school environments. Key activities include eight basic Active Shooter Incident Management (ASIM) training sessions designed to build foundational skills and four advanced ASIM training exercises, reaching over 880 school safety and law enforcement professionals. These trainings will benefit students, educators, law enforcement officers, and families across Virginia by fostering safer school environments and stronger partnerships that contribute to sustained school security improvements. This initiative directly supports the grant program's goal of implementing evidence-based safety programs that focus on coordination with local law enforcement, enhancing both prevention and response capabilities in schools.

To learn more about the trainings offered through this grant program, please contact one of the PST-VCSCS staff members below:

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