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MEMO To: K-12 School Superintendents, Division Emergency Managers, School Administrators, Chiefs and Sheriffs

CC: PST/VCSCS Staff

From: Donna Michaelis

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Subject: **Informational Webinar on the Digital Mapping Program for Virginia K-12 Schools**

On **August 15th, 2022 at 1:00 PM** the DCJS VCSCS will offer an informational session (webinar) on digital mapping using the Collaborative Response Graphics (CRG) technology. During this session you will hear about the process to apply for funding, how digital mapping will enhance response efforts by first responders, as well as an overview of response times and first responder actions once they arrive.

Please use the following link to register for this virtual event:

[**Informational Webinar on Digital Mapping**](#)

On April 25, 2022, Governor Glenn Youngkin issued a [Press Release](#) announcing the availability of \$6.5 million in funding to support school safety through the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) [Digital Mapping Program for Virginia K-12 Schools](#).

Paper and one-dimensional digital maps are obsolete for today's school emergencies. When law enforcement and other emergency first responders arrive on scene at a school to respond to an active attacker or a fire or medical emergency, seconds count. The Digital Mapping Program for Virginia K-12 Schools will continue as funding allows.

Collaborative Response Graphics® (CRGs) technology can provide:

- site-specific, common operating pictures
- enhanced communication during emergencies
- accurate floor plans, high-resolution imagery, emergency response pre-planning, and gridded-overlay combined into one map
- floor plans available on cell phones and laptops
- the ability for a quick, uniform response by all first responders

Funding will be available to school divisions in an amount not to exceed \$3,500 multiplied by the number of schools in the division that are mapped. Applicants will be approved on a rolling basis beginning in April 2022. **To apply for funding, an authorized school division representative should:**

1. Review the background information, [sample MOU](#) and [application](#).
2. Collaborate with local first responder partners.
3. Choose a vendor to provide CRG Mapping. Vendors currently under a state contract to provide this service are the following:
 - [CDW Government LLC](#)
 - [Critical Response Group](#)
 - [Daly Computers Inc.](#)
 - [Digital Information Services LLC](#)
 - [SHI International Corporation](#)
 - [ThunderCat Technology LLC](#)
4. Request a quote for “MACRO Collaborative Response Graphic(s) (CRG) and Micro CRG(s) with GeoRelevant Integrated Floor Plans” for the targeted schools.
5. Complete and submit the [application](#), which includes uploading the Memorandum of Understanding signed by division Superintendent or Designee.
6. DCJS will review the application and, if approved, return the MOU signed by the DCJS Director.
7. When the fully signed and executed MOU is returned, school divisions are authorized to begin working with the vendor to complete the digital mapping project.
8. Upon completion, division representatives must submit the **paid** invoice to DCJS for reimbursement. Funding will be available to school divisions in an amount not to exceed \$3,500 multiplied by the number of schools in the division that are mapped.

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