



The DuPage Regional of Education presents
The Annual School Safety Summit

CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS FOR SCHOOLS

Thursday, January 29, 2026

WHO

School administrators, public information officers, and emergency management partners

TIME

January 29, 2026 | Check-in: 8am | Workshop: 8:30am–3:30pm

LOCATION

College of DuPage-Homeland Security Training Institute, SRC2000

SPEAKERS

- Chris Covelli, Lake County Sheriff's Department Spokesperson: *Crisis Messaging*
- John Garcia, ABC7 Chicago Reporter: *Working with the Media*
- Stefan Bjes, founder and CEO of Blue Line Spectrum Safety: *Emergency Communication for People with Disabilities*

FEATURING

- Hands-on exercises to craft media releases, work with the media, and develop school staff talking points
- Lunch is included. Presentations by NISSAA (Northern Illinois School Safety Administrators Association) and BeSMART (secure gun storage)
- After Action Review (AAR) at conclusion to identify practical improvements for schools' communication plans

REGISTRATION (required)

\$70 In-County/\$80 Out-of-County



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