

Passaic County Technical Institute

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Passaic County Technical Institute Praised for Instituting Emergency Management Plan

Wayne, NJ – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Passaic County Technical Institute is garnering national praise from districts across the country. The award winning high school has developed a comprehensive safety program that sustains a safe learning environment for its 3200 students and staff by establishing the Emergency Management Plan (EMP) – a living document that is continually updated and improved.

The newly instituted EMP fosters a positive and professional relationship with emergency first responders (including fire, police, and health services), as well as PCTI’s neighboring entities, delegating responsibilities among internal security, administrators, parents, and staff.

Comprehensive school safety is key when taking a proactive approach and preparing for all emergency situations. To set the plan in motion, PCTI applied for and received a federal REMS (Readiness and Emergency Management in Schools) Grant and followed up by engaging with emergency responders to examine campus facilities to highlight potential concerns. This led to the implementation of a school wide labeling system, becoming NIMS (National Incident Management Systems) compliant, and a total of 256 certifications among key personnel.

Recognizing that proper communication is paramount to the success of the EMP, PCTI has partnered with First Responders, becoming the first school in New Jersey to facilitate 2-way radio communications monitored by the Sheriff’s Department. The following addresses gaps in communication by providing real-time intelligence to emergency personnel. PCTI’s diligence in ensuring the safety of staff and students has resulted in 23 long-term partnership commitments from emergency responder organizations and a 300% increase in the number and quality of hazards addressed.

As a result of the hard work put forth by PCTI’s Board of Education & internal security, the EMP has become nationally recognized as a standard for other districts to emulate. The state of Nevada is currently constructing an Emergency Plan based upon PCTI’s highly acclaimed EMP.