

HOSTAGE SCENARIO

It is 11:00 a.m., Monday morning, the first day of school following a significant weekend in the school's history. The previous Friday night _____ High School had defeated its rival school and had qualified for the State playoffs. Unfortunately, immediately following the game, a fight occurred in the school parking lot. The fight appeared to be gang-related, and two students from the visiting school were transported to the local emergency room. The hospital reports that their injuries were severe.

At 11:05 a.m., a student reports to the gym teacher that he saw four students from the rival school on campus between the gym and the baseball field. The student reports that the students are dressed in gang attire and appear to be armed. The teacher immediately checked outside and observed two individuals approaching the _____ wing of the building. The teacher immediately contacts the school principal's office to report the intruders. During this conversation, two gunshots are heard. Within several seconds, a school custodian calls on his radio from the second floor to report that a teacher has been shot and is lying outside room 206. The custodian also reports that he observed two teenagers run into room 204.

The superintendent of schools is out of town attending a conference.

Scenario Questions:

1. Based on this scenario, what are the principal's first concerns?

2. What initial actions should the principal take?

3. What should the principal do next?

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4. Draw your initial emergency organization, including personnel assigned to each position (by title), in the space below.

5. For what contingencies must you plan?

HOSTAGE SCENARIO UPDATE #2 (CONTINUED)

4. What will you do in response to the students who have called their parents?

5. For what contingencies should you plan?

HOSTAGE SCENARIO UPDATE #3 (CONTINUED)

3. How can the media be used to assist the police and school authorities?