



LAW ENFORCEMENT AND AREA SCHOOL LEADERS ATTEND CYBER INVESTIGATION TRAINING

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[Alpena, January 17, 2024] – Area law enforcement and school officials across Northeast Michigan are collaborating to enhance their capabilities in responding to potential acts of violence. Over the last two days, leaders from various agencies attended a two-day training to help identify and intercept school violence through cyber investigations.

Detective Richard Wistocki (Ret.), who served 28 years with the Naperville Police Department and spent the last 22 years as an Internet Crimes Investigator, conducted the training seminar. As a SWAT operator/Sniper for the past 22 years, he is a founding member and affiliate of the Illinois Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) organization. As a pioneer in cybersecurity and child protection legislation, Detective Wistocki continues to make significant contributions to ensuring online safety and security.

The seminar focussed on the Exigent Circumstances protocol, enabling law enforcement to access appropriate information promptly. Identifying perpetrators immediately empowers both law enforcement and schools to act proactively, mitigating the threat of school violence.

"The collaboration between law enforcement and schools is crucial in addressing the evolving challenges created by social media and other web-based social networks. This training equips our leaders with the necessary tools to identify and intercept threats through cyber investigations," said Alpena County Undersheriff Cash Kroll.

The idea for the training grew out of the Northeast Michigan School Safety Collaborative. The collaborative is made up of educators from the AMA ESD, Alpena Community College, Alpena Public Schools, Alcona, Atlanta, and Hillman Community Schools, Emergency Management from Alpena, Alcona, and Presque Isle Counties, regional law enforcement and first responders including representatives from the Michigan State Police, the City of Alpena Police and area Sheriff Departments. The group was formed to improve safety for students in our region, share resources, and coordinate assistance, planning, and response in a school-based emergency.

The training was sponsored by JJs Steak and Pizza, the AMA ESD, the Exchange Club of Alpena, and the Presque Isle Electric and Gas Communities First Foundation.

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