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SCHOOL NURSE

EMERGENCY TRIAGE TRAINING PROGRAM

DA Morrissey sponsors national training On emergency response for school nurses

Dozens of nurses from across Norfolk County attend

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Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey sponsored a national training for Norfolk County's public school nurses, addressing how nurses can best integrate into their community's response to a school disaster - either natural or man-made - as part of his ongoing campaign to enhance school safety.

"We are thinking through every aspect of student safety and trying to provide Norfolk County schools with as many tools and as much training as we can to improve security," District Attorney Morrissey said after the conference. "Nurses form a natural part of the response to any school incident with injuries. We looked nationally, and this training program appeared to be among the best and most comprehensive available."

District Attorney Morrissey used funds forfeited in successful drug prosecutions to pay for the National Association of School Nurses' Chris Tuck, a Kansas-based trainer and member of her state's Committee on Safe and Prepared Schools, to come to Massachusetts and conduct the seminar.

Morrissey said the training was a natural next step after providing I.M.P.A.C.T. assessments, from the MetroLEC regional law enforcement coalition, for one school in each Norfolk County community this spring. The Incident Management Protocols and Critical Tasks – I.M.P.A.C.T. – program is designed to help schools and police decrease or prevent injuries if a violent school event occurs. Bank of Canton President Stephen Costello donated the use of the seminar room at his corporate headquarters, as he has repeatedly done for law enforcement trainings.

"The nurses' training, the I.M.P.A.C.T. evaluations, our school safety grant program – none of it would be possible without the partnership of local school, police and community leaders," District Attorney Morrissey said. "I want to thank the many nurses who attended and the administrations who are working with us to make our schools as safe as we can."

The following school nurses and health were among those attending the September 19 session: AVON: Joan Griffin; BELLINGHAM: Sheila Dennis; BRAINTREE: Kristen Travers, Jane Bagley, Francis Barron, Paula Dowd, Virginia Palmieri; BROOKLINE: Kate Donnelly, Mary Kilkelly, Tricia Laham; CANTON: Maureen Campbell, Janet Donnelly; COHASSET: Judy Collins, Mary Mastromarino; DEDHAM: Maria Antonuccio, Gail Kelly, Geri Kelly Dedham Country Day nurse Erin Hartford; Dover-Sherborn: Bethany Walker; FOXBOROUGH Foxborough High School nurse Sharon Kelly and Regional Charter School nurse Catherine Alix; FRANKLIN: Patty Elias, Diane Williams, Ben Franklin Charter School nurse Jenny Anerr, high school health director Kristin Cerce; HOLBROOK: Renee Walker, St. Joseph's School nurse Sheila Gorham; KP: Elizabeth Gadoury, Kathy Puzas; MEDFIELD: Kathleen Thompson; MEDWAY: Christine Babicz, Cheryl Gay; MILLIS: Jennifer Garb Palumbo, Diane Danehy; MILTON: Joan Traverse, Margaret Gibbons, Maureen LeBlanc, Barbara Perry and Susan Katchpole from Fontbonne Academy; NEEDHAM: Patricia Flueckiger, Livia Rizzo; PLAINVILLE: Kim Maguire, Caroline Pasquantonio; QUINCY: Rita Bailey, Noreen O'Connell, Jane Kisielus, Kathleen Torracco, Georgina Sullivan, Diane Coletti, Barbara Campbell and Nancy Tierney; RANDOLPH: Cheryl Parsons; SHARON: Joan Kelly; STOUGHTON: Mary Quinn; WALPOLE: Ellen Newman and Susan Prindall; WELLESLEY: Sharon Kahn; WESTWOOD: Celeste Mahoney and Karen Poreda; WEYMOUTH: Jean Afzali, Aimee Brewer, Kathleen Garvey, Sharon Gannon, Elaine Lane.



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