



Office of Emergency
Management and
School Safety



CHARTER SUPERINTENDENT'S MEETING

January 2026



FEBRUARY 2026 IDA NOTIFICATIONS

ACADEMY OF ACCELERATED LEARNING INC
AMBASSADORS PREPARATORY ACADEMY
ARISTOI CLASSICAL ACADEMY
ARROW ACADEMY
BAKERRIPLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
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ETOILE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
GEORGE I SANCHEZ CHARTER

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HARMONY PUBLIC SCHOOLS - HOUSTON NORTH

HARMONY PUBLIC SCHOOLS - HOUSTON SOUTH

HARMONY PUBLIC SCHOOLS - HOUSTON WEST

HARRIS COUNTY DEPT OF ED

HOUSTON GATEWAY ACADEMY INC

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF TEXAS (ILTEXAS)

KIPP TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PREMIER HIGH SCHOOLS

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RICHARD MILBURN ACADEMY PASADENA
SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DISCOVERY
STEP CHARTER SCHOOL
TEXANS CAN ACADEMIES
TEXAS COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMIES
THE VARNETT PUBLIC SCHOOL
YES PREP PUBLIC SCHOOLS INC

HB 33: UVALDE STRONG ACT

Interagency Preparedness

Counties with a population of 350,000 or more:

Meeting frequency: Annually.

Mandatory attendees at these meetings:

1. **Superintendents of all school districts within the county.**
2. The chief of each school district police department.
3. Federal law enforcement officials serving in the county should also be invited.

Source:



Ellen H. Spalding
Spalding Nichols Lamp Langlois

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Interagency Preparedness

Required topics for discussion:

- School safety
- Coordinated law enforcement response to school violence
- Law enforcement capabilities and available resources
- Interoperability of emergency radio systems
- Emergency operations plans for each public school

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Interagency Preparedness

- DPS and the sheriff of any county where there is a primary or secondary school facility to determine which agencies are reasonably likely to respond to an active shooter event
- DPS, sheriff, and identified agencies must
 - **Participate in a tabletop exercise** every odd-numbered year
 - Participate in at least one drill every even-numbered year

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Interagency Preparedness

- DPS and each agency identified must enter into an MOU no later than January 1, 2026, with certain specific requirements:
 - Priority to establishing interoperability of communications equipment
 - Establish procedures for activities arising from active shooter incidents, including evidence collection
 - Set jurisdictional boundaries
 - Determine each other's capabilities, processes, and expectations

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Sheriff Ed Gonzalez Letter



Tabletop Exercise & Annual Safety Meeting

Enroll in the January 14, 2026, Session

- 8:00 am – 12 pm



Attendance

1. **Superintendent**
2. Chief of each school district police department
3. (3) other staff members selected by the **Superintendent**

Enroll in the April 23, 2026, Session

- 8:00 am – 12 pm



SECURE 200

Small / Rural School Safety Supports

By serving as an adjunct school safety coordinator for (200 days), Region 4 OEMSS team can fill critical gaps for your school system that lack the staffing, expertise, or capacity to develop and sustain effective safety systems to meet TEA and best practice standards.

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Small / Rural School Safety Supports

Snapshot of services

1. School Safety and Security Recognition (3-yr safety audit + customized training)
2. Active School Preparedness Certification or Active Threat Preparedness Certification (Annually)
3. Creation and monitoring of emergency operations plans (EOPs)
4. Staff training and drills aligned to TEA requirements
5. Behavioral Threat Assessment Team support
6. Campus-level audits and continuous safety monitoring
7. Mandated school safety committee creation and monitoring
8. Emergency/Evacuation/Shelter map support
9. Mandated policy compliance (STB, dating violence, gang-free zones, opioids, school signage, AED, SPAT, radio communications, 911 compliance, safe firearms to parent's communications, shield and breaching tool compliance, door sweep log support, MOU assistance, etc.)
10. District Audit Report (DAR)/ Charter Audit Report (CAR) required by Texas School Safety Center
11. TEA's District Vulnerability Audit (DVA) audit support
12. Standard Response Protocol implementation / staff training
13. Bi-Annual maintenance compliance

If you need support, call

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November 4, 2025

Subject: Notification of Mandates under Texas House Bill 33 (HB 33) – The Uvalde Strong Act

To: All Harris County School Superintendents, Open-Enrollment Charter School Directors, and Independent Religious School Administrators

As Harris County Sheriff, nothing is more important to me than ensuring the safety of the residents I was elected to serve. This is especially true when it comes to our duty to protect Harris County's children and the adults who dedicate their lives to teaching them. And so, it is with great excitement and anticipation that I am writing to share that the Harris County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Department of Public Safety are partnering with Region 4 Executive Director Dr. Rodney Watson, Director of Emergency Management Kenneth Culbreath, and their strong school support team to provide all our public school leaders with the training and support needed to protect precious lives.

The recently enacted [Texas House Bill 33 \(HB 33\), also known as the Uvalde Strong Act](#), is intended to significantly strengthen safety and emergency response protocols for K-12 schools. The law requires Texas sheriffs and public-school leaders to regularly gather to implement best practices when it comes to campus safety.

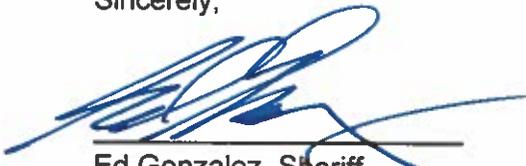
We recognize that public school administrators – regardless of whether you operate a single-campus charter school or a mammoth school district with hundreds of buildings – have myriad responsibilities that demand your time and talents. With this in mind, we have developed a strategic nuts-and-bolts crisis training curriculum that we intend to deliver to you and your teams efficiently and effectively.

HB 33 was enacted to enhance preparedness, communication, and coordination among schools and first responders during active shooter events and other critical incidents. In 2026, the law requires our public safety and education teams to engage in a tabletop planning meeting. Our partners at Region 4 have generously agreed to offer two opportunities for your public school system to participate in this exercise.

You are encouraged to register your leadership team to participate in an exercise on either January 14, 2026, or April 23, 2026, at Region 4 headquarters.

We urge all school leaders to review the full text of Texas HB 33 and begin immediate internal planning to meet the HB 33 requirements. We believe that with coordinated action, we can all work together to ensure the safety and security of students in Harris County. Thank you for the work you do to help keep our students safe. It is my sincere honor to serve with you.

Sincerely,



Ed Gonzalez, Sheriff
Harris County, TX