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Fire, Police departments conduct special training ---

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By Seth Hancock

Last week, members of the Bartlett police and fire departments took part in Rescue Task Force (RTF) training related to active shooter/assailant events.

The training took place at Resurrection Catholic Church in Wayne. Carol Stream, Hanover Park, Streamwood and Wayne also took part with police or fire officials as well as Central DuPage Hospital EMS and DuPage Public Safety Communications.

Brian Becker, Bartlett deputy fire chief, described the RTF as “critical training for police and fire agencies.”

“The RTF techniques focus on getting paramedics into the warm zone of an active shooter incident under police protection,” Becker said. “The sooner we can reach the victims of an incident like this, the greater our odds are of being able to address life-threatening injuries and save lives.”

Becker added: “While police and fire work together in many environments, this type of training requires consistent practice to ensure that it is handled with the highest proficiency if an actual incident occurs. This week’s training is focused on putting all aspects of an active shooter incident together from start to finish. The drill participants will run through the full exercise from dispatch to treating real people with simulated injuries to transporting the victims.”

Active shooter training is under the spotlight recently in the wake of the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas last month.

At the June 7 Village Board of Trustees meeting, Trustee Aaron Reinke said he wants to be sure Bartlett police have access to schools and classrooms throughout the village. Trustee Raymond Deyne asked that the village reach out to **School District U-46** to have a representative address their board on safety protocols.

Police Chief Patrick Ullrich noted that active shooter training has been a requirement for a few years. On the RTF, he said: “In the event of an active shooter, we’re going in right away to try to stop the shooting from happening. And the paramedics, instead of waiting outside for

us to say the scene is secure, they're coming in with us right away to get the wounded and bring them out and treat them and get them to the hospital as fast as possible.”

At the June 21 village board meeting, Deyne said he attended that day's RTF and was “extremely impressed.”

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Vote on mobile classrooms extends their use in U-46 ---

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By Seth Hancock: Note – This story also ran in The Examiner of South Elgin and in The Examiner of Streamwood

The **Board of Education in School District U-46** unanimously approved of a resolution declaring the need to continue using temporary classrooms, or mobiles, at its Monday, June 6 meeting.

The vote was 6-0, board member John Devereux was absent.

There are eight double mobile units and five single listed in the resolution for 21 total temporary classrooms. That is the same amount as last year's resolution.

“School District U-46 has experienced changes in student enrollments and educational program requirements that have resulted in a need for additional classroom space in certain schools in the District,” the resolution states.

The resolution adds: “All options to address availability of space in permanent buildings have been considered in light of these enrollment changes and the programmatic needs of students.... It is necessary to utilize temporary classrooms at certain schools in the District in order to address the changes in student enrollments and educational program needs.”

Total enrollment did drop again this year for the seventh straight year with a loss of 533 students to 36,090. That is a 10.9 percent decline in enrollment from 40,487 students in 2014.

The bulk of the mobile units to be used will be in Elgin schools including two doubles at Century Oaks Elementary School, one double and one single at both Hillcrest Elementary School and Lowrie Elementary School and one single each at Creekside Elementary School, Harriet Gifford Elementary School and Washington Elementary School.

There will be two doubles at South Elgin High School and one double at both Streamwood's Hanover Countryside Elementary School and Hoffman Estate's Lincoln Elementary School.

In a May 16 memo, board member Dawn Martin asked if eliminating the mobiles is part of the ongoing facilities and boundary discussions. The district responded: “Yes, one of our long-term goals from facility work should be to eliminate mobile classrooms.”

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U-46 meeting schedule set for next two school years--- 6/29/2022

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The next regular meeting of the **Board of Education in School District U-46** will be Monday, July 18.

That will be the first meeting of the 2022-2023 school year as the board approved of its meeting schedule for the next two years back in March. The board voted 5-0, John Devereux and Veronica Noland absent, for the 2022- 2023 and 2023-2024 board meeting schedules.

Board member Kate Thommes said the schedules looked “typical” with every regular meeting a Monday.

“We also run them through the finance office to make sure this fits for budgeting purposes, reductions in force and for the budget approval process and the (tax) levy process,” said Superintendent Tony Sanders.

For 2022-2023, there are two regularly scheduled meetings in August (8th and 22nd), two in September (12th and 26th), two in October (3rd and 24th), two in November (7th and 21st), one in December (12th), two in January (9th and 23rd), two in February (13th and 27th), three in March (6th, 13th and 20th), two in April (10th and 24th), three in May (1st, 8th and 15th) and two in June (5th and 26th). The May 8 meeting is the Top 2 percent recognition, usually at South Elgin High School.

For 2023-2024, there is one regularly scheduled meeting in July (17th), two in August (7th and 21st), two in September (11th and 25th), two in October (2nd and 23rd), two in November (6th and 20th), two in December (4th and 18th), one in January (22nd), two in February (5th and 26th), three in March (4th, 11th and 18th), two in April (8th and 22nd), three in May (6th, 13th and 20th) and two in June (10th and 24th). The May 13 meeting is the Top 2 percent recognition.

Various optional dates, high school graduation, the board’s self-evaluation and the annual Illinois Association of School Boards conference are included in each.

“Board of Education Meetings take place at the Educational Services Center, [355 E. Chicago St., Elgin, at 5:15 p.m. (closed session), with Business Session beginning at 7 p.m.,] unless otherwise noted,” the schedule states.