

PRESS RELEASE:

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In furtherance of the Safe School Initiative launched by the Putnam County Law Enforcement Community, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office sponsored law enforcement training dealing with the threat of school violence. On August 13, and 14, 2007, investigators from the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, and local law enforcement officers met at Hurricane High School, to study and plan for law enforcement tactical response to school violence. Assistance was given by the West Virginia State Police, on tactical response plans, for law enforcement officers on how to tactically confront individuals who are engaging in school violence. Officers were briefed on what they could expect when arriving at a school in which someone may be using weapons, and what they may need to do to deal with the assailant. This training is a part of the continuing initiative to make Putnam County Schools as safe as possible for our students, facility and staff.