



*The Association has assembled a team (School Crisis Response Team) composed of crisis-trained volunteer personnel who are available to assist a school in times of a school crisis – school violence, student death, staff death, suicide, accidents, or natural disasters.*

## **WHAT IS A SCHOOL CRISIS?**

*School Violence | Student Death | Staff Death | Suicide | Accidents | Natural Disaster*

## **WHAT IS A SCHOOL CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM?**

A School Crisis Response Team is comprised of trained (Critical Incident Stress Management – CISM), experienced volunteer professionals who will provide support, guidance, and resources to schools that are dealing with a traumatic event.

## **WHO IS THE MACS SCHOOL CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM?**

The MACS Crisis Response Team is composed of professionals from charter schools trained in Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) to provide on-site support to those affected by traumatic events.

*The creation of the MACS Crisis Response Team was the result of schools identifying a need and is a voluntary partnership between charter schools.*

## **SCHOOL CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM PROCESS OVERVIEW**

- 1) The school authority contacts the MACS School Crisis Response Team Coordinator.
- 2) The Team Coordinator notifies and assembles a School Crisis Response Team.
- 3) A Team Leader will be assigned and will contact the school authority prior to the team being deployed on-site.
- 4) Once on-site, the Team will follow a four-step process that is the basis of Critical Incident Stress Management:
  - 1) Assemble/Ground Rules
  - 2) Fact Phase
  - 3) Education Phase
  - 4) Resources/Re-Entry Phrase
- 5) At the end of the Team's on-site time, a Crisis Management Briefing will occur with the school authority.

*The goal of the CISM process is to lessen the impact of traumatic stress and provide a framework for individuals and the school to begin a healthy grieving process.*

*The MACS School Crisis Response Team was created in cooperation with MN School Safety Technical Assistance Center and Southwest West Central Service Cooperative.*

## **GET HELP & INFORMATION**

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