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NCCSAFE holds Lunch & Learn Educational Safety webinar for school-aged children
Law enforcement intelligence and training expert introduced “Run, Hide, Tell” to prepare children in the case of a school emergency

BOSTON, MA- The National Center for Citizen Safety (NCCSAFE), held its first Lunch & Learn Educational Safety webinar on March 20, 2020 to teach school-aged children, parents, and teachers ways to stay safe in case of a school emergency. NCCSAFE is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating the public and law enforcement entities, raising awareness, and providing resources for citizen preparedness and safety in the event of a domestic terrorism.

The webinar, presented by Lois Blevins, the founder and executive director of NCCSAFE, is the first of its kind for the Maryland-based nonprofit as it transitions to virtual instruction in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Blevins taught children to practice three key actions during an emergency at school: run, hide, and tell. Dr. Matos, an Industrial Organizational Psychologist joined the discussion to contribute his expertise as it applies to a school setting.

“It is important for our children to know when to ‘Run’, ‘Hide’, and ‘Tell’ in an emergency,” said Lois Blevins. “You are not helpless. Do not become a victim, be a survivor.”

The objective of this webinar is to provide children, teachers, and parents with life-saving techniques to be prepared in case of an emergency at school using the following:

- **Shelter-in-Place and Lockdown:** Students were reminded of the differences between a shelter-in-place and a lockdown and how to be safe in either scenario.
- **Access-Cover-Tell:** Students learned the acronym A.C.T. to remember to access the emergency situation, seek cover by either running away if the threat is far or hiding if the threat is near, and tell a trusted adult.

A recording of the Lunch & Learn Educational Safety webinar can be accessed via NCCSAFE’s official website: nccsafe.org/childrens-program

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About NCCSAFE

National Center for Citizen Safety (NCCSAFE) was formed as a 501(c)3 non-profit in 2014 with a mission to provide active assailant training, educational defense tools and safety awareness for preparedness of domestic terrorism within the United States. NCCSAFE has conducted training programs for various organizations and held Survivor Strong 5Ks successfully. For more information, please visit <https://nccsafe.org/>