ALICE BLOG – October 2018

The number of school shootings in the US compared with other countries: (<https://www.cnn.com/2018/05/21/us/school-shooting-us-versus-world-trnd/index.html>)

The USA still leads in frequency of school shootings since January 1, 2009.

United States                     288

Mexico                                 8

South Africa                        6

India                                     5

Pakistan                               4

Nigeria                                 4

Afghanistan                        3

*There were 20 other countries in the study but after reading that Afghanistan, a country where I was deployed to with the 10th Mountain Division in support of the Global War on Terrorism, had only 3...I decided to stop there.*

Training is the key.  Responses to emergencies should be instinctive.  ACT 44 is here to facilitate that - Just as we practice Fire Drills and Severe Weather Drills, Canton Area School District will conduct two Lock Down Drill a year.  This will include our students.

What this IS:

1. An opportunity for students and teachers to practice installing and removing the Night Lock Device and / or fire hose under a simulated stressful situation.
2. An opportunity for students and teachers to identify safe zones within their classroom based on the line of sight that an active shooter would have (red tape on the floors).
3. An opportunity to increase situational awareness and response techniques as it applies to active shooter situations.

What this IS NOT:

1. Not an opportunity to flip desks, computer carts, break glass.  We are practicing protocol for an active shooter situation so that the response becomes instinctual.
2. Not an opportunity to evacuate.  Keep in mind that Evacuation is the most preferred response in an actual active shooter situation.

For your planning purposes, CASD will conduct its annual ALICE training on 9 Nov 2018 during the in-service day from 1300-1500 (1pm -3pm).  This training will be led by the Bradford County Sherriff’s Department led by Deputy Sherriff Hart.