PLAN A POP PROJECT ON

BOMB THREATS AGAINST SCHOOLS

1. Is there a problem?
    - Have there been threats that were not reported to police?
    - Identify schools that may have disciplinary problems. Do they keep records of student threats? Assaults on school officials? Bullying? Carrying weapons in schools?
    - False fire alarms
    - Graffiti, hate crimes, vandalism
    - Drug dealing in and around schools, gang violence
    - Identify schools that have been burglarized, set on fire etc. Have they received threats?
    - Bomb threats against targets other than schools.

2. Be prepared
    - Does every school have a disaster response plan?
    - Check out your local disaster response team and its plan. Are schools involved?
    - Does the school district have an up to date phone system that allows quick tracing of calls?
    - Do all schools have an effective phone monitoring system installed?
    - Do schools have effective school security programs (e.g., CPTED)?
    - Does your police department and local community have enhanced 911?

3. Work closely with the schools
    - Help the school develop a threat reporting system.
    - Help school establish a disaster response team and plan
    - Help train team members
    - Help school develop a program to identify and engage with troubled or violent children.
    - Help schools improve their security against intrusion (e.g. CPTED).
    - Gain the trust of schools

4. Collect data
    - Number and kinds of threats, number and kinds of violent incidents, number and kinds of intrusions, etc.
    - These numbers according to which schools and when they occur.
    - Analyze for patterns.
    - Give feedback to schools

5. Coordinate with local agencies
    - Fire
    - Bomb squad
    - EMS
    - ATF
    - Local Emergency Management Office
    - School districts