

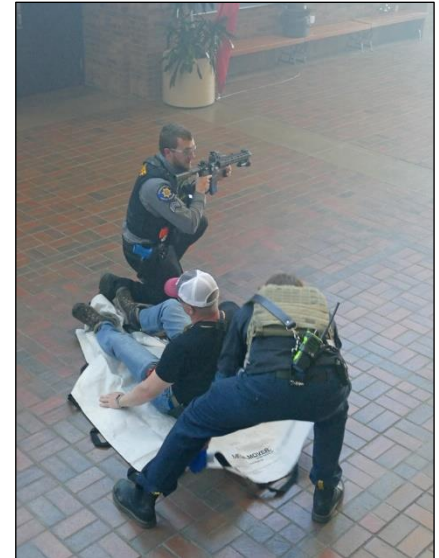


Active Threat Training Scheduled at High Schools August 5 Exercise in Partnership with School District & Local Emergency Response Agencies

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-August 1, 2025-On Tuesday, August 5, the Steamboat Springs Police Department (SSPD) will take part in a full-scale active threat training exercise in partnership with the Steamboat Springs School District (SSSD), Routt County Sheriff's Office (RSCO), Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue, Classic Medical and other local response agencies.

"The planned training is part of a community-wide effort to strengthen emergency preparedness and ensure a coordinated, effective response in the event of a real crisis," said Steamboat Springs Police Commander Greg Griffin. "While this exercise is an important opportunity for local agencies to work together and improve response protocols, we want the public to be aware that this is only a drill."

The training will take place in two parts. In the morning, an active threat simulation will occur at Steamboat Springs High School (SSHS), where law enforcement and emergency personnel will respond to a mock scenario involving a simulated shooter and injured victims. This exercise will include realistic—but controlled—elements such as blank gunfire, emergency vehicle activity, and volunteers portraying students and staff. In the afternoon, the focus will shift to Yampa Valley High School (YVHS), where a simulated family reunification process will test procedures for safely reuniting students with parents and guardians following a crisis.



As this is a training exercise, there is no actual threat to the community, and no students will be present on campus during the training. No live ammunition will be used. Moulage (makeup for mock injuries), CPR mannequins, and simulated emergency communications will be used to create a realistic training environment.

Residents and businesses near SSHS and YVHS can expect to see a large presence of law enforcement, fire, EMS, and possibly air medical units throughout the day. You may hear sirens, loud noises, or simulated gunfire as part of the training. These are all part of the planned exercise and are not cause for alarm. Emergency services remain fully operational and will continue to respond to real-world incidents as needed.

"Exercises like this are critical for ensuring our preparedness and protecting the safety of our schools and our community as a whole," continued Griffin. "We appreciate the community's support and understanding as we work together to build a safer Steamboat Springs."

Community members are encouraged to share this information to help reduce confusion or concern on August 5. Additional information about [the school district's emergency response planning can be found online](#).

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