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Good Afternoon,

The Superintendents just received a report from PDE as well as the IU that multiple districts in Western PA are under a "SWATTING" attack and are receiving fake reports of active shooters through 911 calls.

We have been notified that the City of Erie, Meadville, and Crawford have also received 911 SWATTING calls from the same California number. In the event a call does happen in the North East School District, we will follow all district safety protocols.

The State Police are involved and investigating. PSP, Corporal Markham, and the North East Police Department are patrolling our campus.

Email from PDE:

Subject: Urgent!: Concerns of 911 Calls Swatting

Please be aware that it appears that Pennsylvania is in the midst of a SWATTING attack

By all reports, they are a hoax. PSP is involved at this point. PSP will be sending out a statewide notice to law enforcement -up to 24 schools have been hoaxed, all or most from the same CA phone number. I wanted to put this information out to you as soon as possible in case you are also experiencing this event. PDE, Sherri S.

Again, we are aware that this is occurring and we will keep you posted on any additional updates.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele S. Hartzell, Superintendent