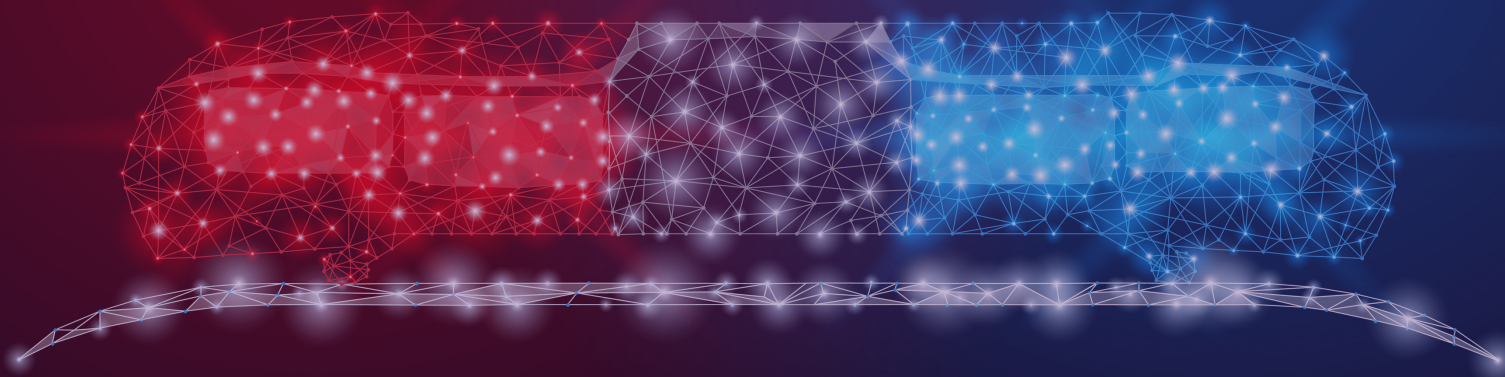




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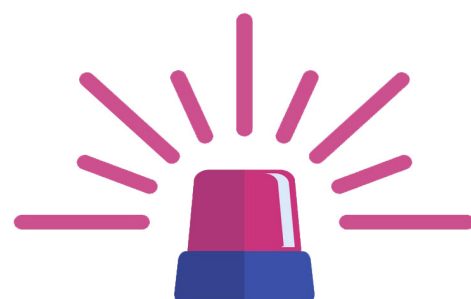
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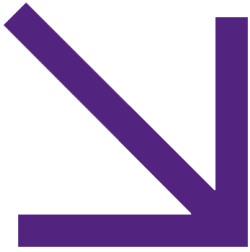
**Nothing is more important than a safe environment. Serious threats in schools and workplaces are rare. However, emergencies do happen. There are tangible benefits to being prepared for classroom violence, medical emergencies, extreme weather events, intruders, active shooters, and other incidents.**

The best safety systems are flexible, offer a variety of ways to communicate, and work with preplanned emergency plans to streamline communication, catalyze responses, and save more lives.

In this guide, you'll learn about the key components of a comprehensive emergency response system and discover how to combine these features with your existing plans for optimal emergency responses.

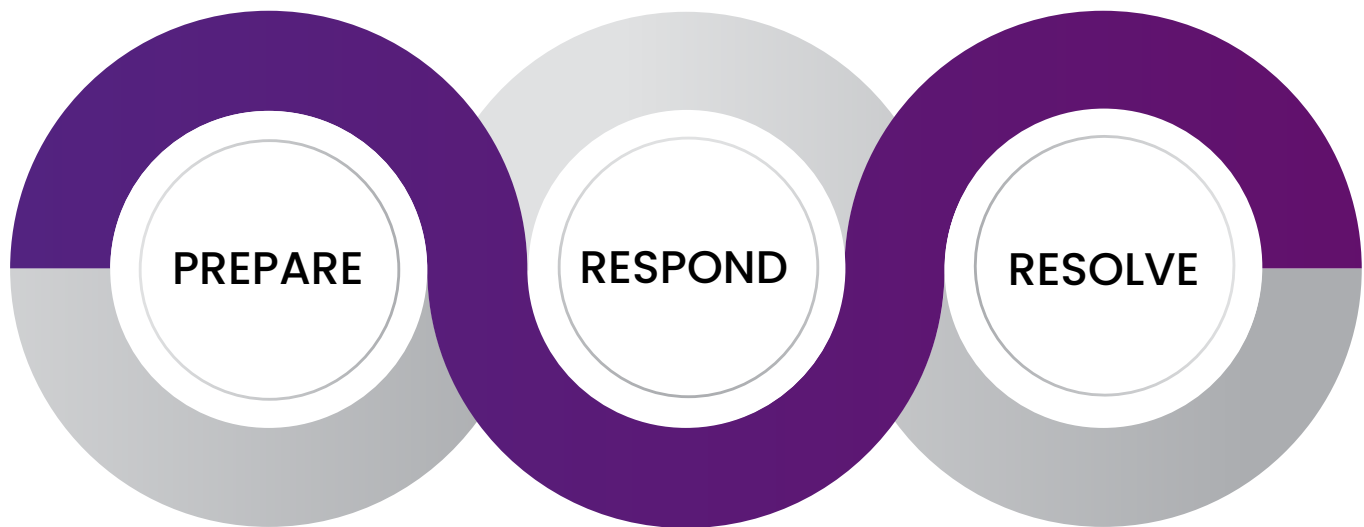
Time is of the essence during an event. As events unfold, you need to quickly deliver critical, time-sensitive alerts and information to responders and your community. The amount of time that passes from the beginning of an incident to the time responders are on-site could mean life or death, and having the right technology plays a critical role in response times.





# Ten Critical Features to Look for in an Emergency Response System

A comprehensive emergency management system has elements that help schools prevent, prepare, respond, and recover from incidents quickly and efficiently. Look for solutions that offer features in each of these areas.



## PREPARE

- 1. A Panic Button in Every Teacher's Pocket –** A Panic Alert System — sometimes called a “panic button” — is a simple, intuitive, and turnkey application used by school staff to instantly alert and request help from internal response teams or 911 emergency assistance. Approved users can access the Panic Alert System on their mobile phone or using a desktop system. With the touch of a button, individuals can request assistance – sending the emergency type and location to colleagues and/or 911 responders. Administrators can quickly and easily send teams — and emergency responders — custom alerts and preloaded response plans based on incident type.



- 2. Pre-loaded Response Plans** – Emergencies happen, and establishing a response plan and processes before an incident happens improves efficiency and restoration when it matters most. Look for solutions that deliver instant pre-loaded response plan actions to take (lockdown, take cover, CPR steps) and/or for mass notifications and mass actions as necessary.
- 3. Back-up Monitoring** – Sometimes your team can't do it all. Engage with a partner that will monitor emergency situations in real-time and involve 911 when needed, providing invaluable support and guidance to ensure a prompt and effective response.



## RESPOND

- 4. Direct Communication to 911 or Internal Response Teams** – Not all events are the same and not all emergency incidents require 911 assistance. A comprehensive solution includes the flexibility to connect directly to 911 services and/or alert internal response teams.
- 5. 2-Way Mass Communications and Notifications** – Being able to both send and receive information during an emergency is critical to keeping your community safe. Emergencies are dynamic and situations can change moment by moment. Responders need accurate information in real-time as incidents unfold.
- 6. Indoor Location Awareness** – Location awareness during an incident is one of the most fundamental and critical challenges to successful resolution. If your campus has large facilities or multi-story buildings, exact indoor location awareness can save minutes in response time which in turn can save lives.
- 7. Enterprise Emergencies** – Look for a comprehensive management system to address urgent situations that extend beyond individual classrooms or buildings, enabling a coordinated response across your entire district.
- 8. Neighbor Notifications** – Through email and SMS alerts, neighboring schools and relevant stakeholders can be notified of ongoing emergencies, fostering collaboration and support within the community.

## RESOLVE

- 9. Event Management** – Ensure all responders, staff, and students are accounted for. Post-action insights ensure accurate tracking, accountability, and safety.
- 10. Post Action** – Detailed action reports show measurably who and how long it took to check in, and all detailed communication logs of the incident. Practice and review the reports to consistently improve.

**To see our best-in-class and industry-leading Panic Alert System in action, talk to one of our specialists today.**

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