



CUSTOMER CASE STUDY

# A Comprehensive Approach to Gun Violence in Schools

Bringing State and Local Resources Together to Combat Gun Violence



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# Hooksett School District



Located between the cities of Manchester and Concord, Hooksett is a community of 14,542 inhabitants. Student to teacher ratio is 13 to 1. Academic achievement, through constantly improving standards, is the district's highest priority.



**SCHOOLS**

3, serving  
grades Pre-K-8



**STUDENTS**

1,263



**LOCATION**

Hooksett, NH

# A Proactive Approach

As a part of their multi-faceted approach to address an active shooter threat, Hooksett School District was the first school district in the state of New Hampshire to install gunshot detection in their school buildings. After a careful review of available gunshot detection technologies, the Hooksett School Board and Superintendent selected the SDS Indoor Gunshot Detection System due to its proven performance history at other schools across the country, its zero-false alert history, and its certified technology integrations with the schools' current security systems.

In addition to the implementation of the SDS Indoor Gunshot Detection System, the school district collaborated with the New Hampshire Department of Homeland Security, the Hooksett Police Department, and the Hooksett Fire Department to assess the safety needs of the schools along with providing feedback to enhance their emergency procedures. The school district has also trained all staff in first aid, CPR and emergency management practices including active shooter protocols. Additional investments were made in video surveillance systems in each of the schools. Finally, all schools and the administrative office were outfitted with a walkie-talkie system that will enable communication across all buildings throughout the Hooksett School District.



**With this system we can provide students and staff lifesaving information in under a second when reaction time is critical, and it also enables law enforcement to respond straight to the shooter's location. Shooter Detection Systems is a practical, proactive solution that upgrades active shooter plans to mitigate modern day threats. We are extremely proud to be the first school in New Hampshire to have this technology.**



**GREG MARTAKOS**

Hooksett School Board Member,  
Hooksett School District

# Hooksett's Integrated Solution

## Automated Alerts and Video Identification

The school district chose the SDS Indoor Gunshot Detection System for its dual-mode acoustic and infrared detection sensors that detect gunshots in sub-one second while filtering out false alerts. ENE Systems of Bow, NH was the authorized dealer selected to perform the installation. ENE worked with the schools to integrate gunshot detection alerts with additional technologies in order to maximize the incident identification and tracking that gunshot detection provides. When a gunshot occurs, the public address system will now automatically alert building occupants and the video surveillance system (VMS) will instantly pull live video feed of the incident, giving first responders within the school a visual of the situation in real time. SDS' mapping software, displaying the three Hooksett sites and gunshot sensor locations, is monitored both in the school's security center and at Hooksett PD dispatch.



# Why do school districts like Hooksett pick the SDS Indoor System?

## REDUCED POLICE RESPONSE TIMES

SDS indoor is 100% autonomous and can immediately trigger security protocols like text alerts, trigger 911 alerting, incident video, and mass notification technologies.

## COMMITTED PARTNER IN SCHOOL SAFETY

SDS is committed to helping our nation's schools. We have a dedicated grants assistance program and a discount incentive program to encourage our resellers to pass on discounts to K-12 customers.

## REDUCED FALSE ALERTS

Building evacuations and social media rumors due to false alerts steal time away from teaching and learning. SDS' dual-mode technology keeps false alerts to a minimum—statistically less than one false alert per 5 million hours of use.

## REDUCED LITIGATION RISKS

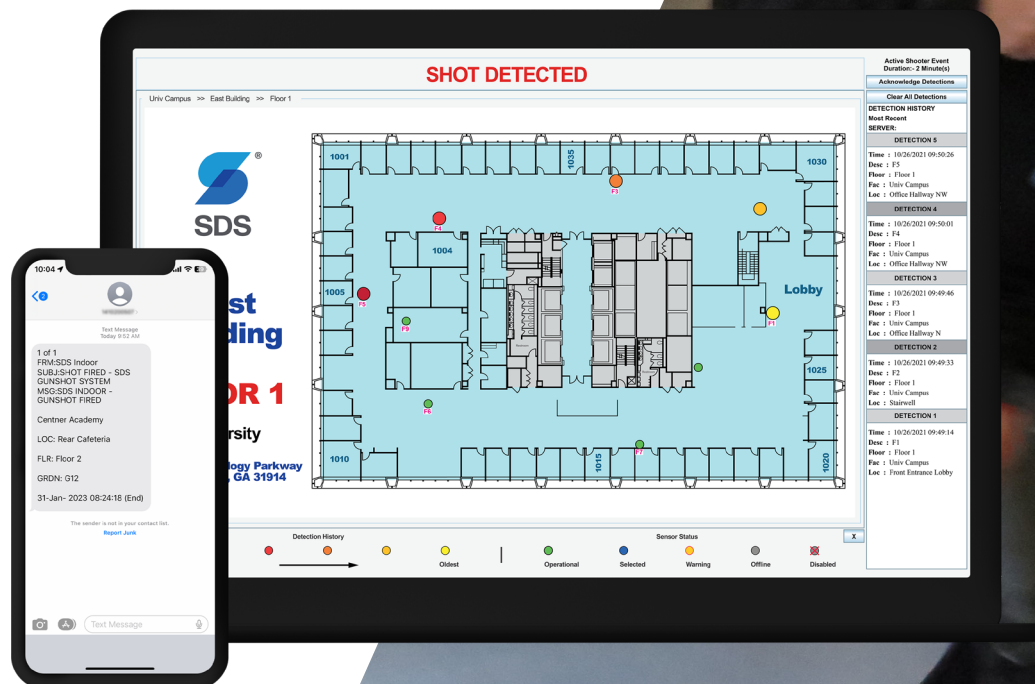
Having this technology shows prospective students and parents that safety is a top priority. SDS, alone or with a VMS, can provide accurate records of gunshot events in case of legal disputes.



# Help Your First Responders Practice More Effectively

Law enforcement agencies that train using the federally supported ALERRT program practice on-site trainings in school buildings with a focus on coordination and communications to reduce response times. Safety and reliability are increased when employing a gunshot detection simulation and training tool by giving all actors the ability to practice drills in response to simulated—or real—gunshot signatures. Each SDS installation comes with testing capabilities that can simulate an active shooter event without the need to fire an actual weapon.

The SDS software displays multi-floor, multi-site, and multi-campus sensor locations. All sensors have self-testing and anti-tampering alerts to ensure the highest levels of accuracy without excessive maintenance.



# Question & Answer

## Is funding for Active Shooter Detection Systems allowed under federal and state grants?

Yes, as they can be classified as communications systems that alert or communicate with local law enforcement resources. SDS can help qualified institutions get funding for a gunshot detection system thanks to our Grants Assistance Program. Contact us today to see if your organization meets the qualification requirements for grant funding.



The SDS Indoor Gunshot Detection System is a four-time Campus Safety BEST Winner and is SAFETY Act Certified by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.\*

*\*Formerly called the Guardian Indoor Active Shooter Detection System*



SDS is proud to have joined forces with the Partner Alliance for Safer Schools (PASS) to support their mission and advocate for critical school safety efforts.



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