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## **Public Safety Continue Safety Training with Troup County Schools, “Stop the Bleed” Training Provided for School Staff**

**LaGrange, Ga. October 4, 2018** – Public Safety from across Troup County continue working with the Troup County School System on school safety and creating a protocol if an emergency were to happen.

Eighty-two participants from Troup County Schools, as well as Heard County, recently participated in the “Stop the Bleed” training.



*AMR Course Paramedic Brian Lee helps participants in the “Stop the Bleed” Training at TCSS*

According to American Medical Response Course Paramedic Brian Lee who led the class, this training is imperative.

“One of the biggest things that we want people to understand is that uncontrolled bleeding is the number one cause of death,” said Lee.

“The CAT tourniquet is one of the most important tools in their ‘Stop the Bleeding’ kit.”

Every school will now have several trained staff members as well as several “Stop the Bleed” kits that include the tourniquet, bandages, dressing, gloves among other items.



*TCSS Assistant Superintendent of Maintenance and Operations John Radcliffe addresses participants at “Stop the Bleed” training class*

“We want to be proactive instead of reactive,” said TCSS Assistant Superintendent of Maintenance and Operations John Radcliffe.

“We are looking through our safety plans and making changes where needed. We have invited our public safety officials into schools so they can give us feedback on safety concerns. We look forward to this continued collaboration as we all focus on preparedness.”

According to LPD Lt. Eric Lohr the more people who know this training the better.

“Whether it be an active shooter event, weather event, or otherwise, it is critical that both Public Safety and the School System collaborate to determine the most effective response to such events and then train to prepare for such events,” Lohr said.

“As it relates specifically to an active threat/shooter event, the Troup County Active Threat/Shooter Protocol is a collaborative effort designed to ensure the overall preparedness for an active shooter event by both Public Safety and the Troup County School System through the creation of policy and procedure, identification of roles and responsibilities, and continual training.”

More training is planned in the next couple weeks. The goal is to have safety training and planning as well as TCSS’s safety policy and procedures completed by January 2019.

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