PLAN A POP PROJECT ON

BOMB THREATS AGAINST SCHOOLS

1. Is there a problem?
   - Have there been threats that were not reported to police?
   - Identify schools that may have disciplinary problems. Do they keep records of student threats? Assaults on school officials? Bullying? Carrying weapons in schools?
   - False fire alarms
   - Graffiti, hate crimes, vandalism
   - Drug dealing in and around schools, gang violence
   - Identify schools that have been burglarized, set on fire etc. Have they received threats?
   - Bomb threats against targets other than schools.

2. Be prepared
   - Does every school have a disaster response plan?
   - Check out your local disaster response team and its plan. Are schools involved?
   - Does the school district have an up to date phone system that allows quick tracing of calls?
   - Do all schools have an effective phone monitoring system installed?
   - Do schools have effective school security programs (e.g., CPTED)?
   - Does your police department and local community have enhanced 911?

3. Work closely with the schools
   - Help the school develop a threat reporting system.
   - Help school establish a disaster response team and plan
   - Help train team members
   - Help school develop a program to identify and engage with troubled or violent children.
   - Help schools improve their security against intrusion (e.g. CPTED).
   - Gain the trust of schools

4. Collect data
   - Number and kinds of threats, number and kinds of violent incidents, number and kinds of intrusions, etc.
   - These numbers according to which schools and when they occur.
   - Analyze for patterns.
   - Give feedback to schools

5. Coordinate with local agencies
   - Fire
   - Bomb squad
   - EMS
   - ATF
   - Local Emergency Management Office
   - School districts