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I would like to thank all of you who attended the School Safety Summit yesterday. Anytime we can speak in front of school officials, it is a great opportunity.

I received an email from an attendee and I just wanted to take a moment to clarify an issue that was discussed during the Response presentation conducted by the State Police. During T/Sgt Vedder's presentation he was trying to explain the idea of "hiding in plain sight". The point T/Sgt Vedder was trying to make, was that in a situation where you feel you have no recourse, you may still have the option to hide in plain sight as in the example he gave about the person who survived the mall shooting in Africa by playing dead. During the presentation he used an example that he had gotten from an FBI presentation, where you could hide in a garbage bag and an active shooter that is pressed for time

would likely by pass you by as he observes a bag of garbage and not a person or potential victim. This was simply an example of breaking the attackers visual and thought process.

Following the presentation, I discussed with T/Sgt Vedder that I did not like the example of getting into a plastic bag as this could be falsely construed as a tactic we endorse and of course, hiding in a plastic bag poses its own hazards. Under no circumstances, do the State Police endorse using plastic bags as a means of concealment. We endorse "lockdown" where you move to positon out of view from the door and against a wall that provides hard cover from gunfire. Again, the point of that section was to elicit thought about what else you can do, to conceal yourself if the standard options are not available. I agree that the garbage bag example is not a viable solution and it will be stricken from future presentations.

Thank you again for the opportunity to speak to you. I apologize for any confusion this may have caused and appreciate the opportunity clarify our position. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

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