









(SB 7026) Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act

FortifyFL – is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows students, parents, and community members to relay information anonymously concerning unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent or criminal activities, or threat of these activities, to the appropriate public safety agencies and school officials. The FortifyFL application is available through mobile devices or an online web portal.

Coordinated Development: Florida Department of Education, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and Office of Attorney General

How is a tip submitted?

- Enter school/county (School personnel, other than district FortifyFL manager, will not get county tips.)
- Enter tip details (narrative, photos and/or videos.)
- Enter personal information including name, email, phone (not required to submit.)
- Submit tip (FortifyFL will acknowledge submission to sender.)
- All previous tips can be accessed for updates, edits and additional information.

Submitting False Tips

■ Florida Statute 943.082 states that if, following an investigation, it is determined that a person knowingly submitted a false tip through FortifyFL, the internet protocol (IP) address of the device on which the tip was submitted will be provided to law enforcement agencies for further investigation, and the reporting party may be subject to criminal penalties under Section 837.05, F.S. In all other circumstances, unless the reporting party has chosen to disclose his or her identity, the report will remain anonymous.

Who gets tips when submitted?

- The School Identified (Principal, Assistant Principal, Dean)
- The School District (multiple district staff)
- Local Law Enforcement SJSO (Law enforcement must acknowledge tips within 30 minutes or continue to receive every 15 minutes.)
- State Level Officials (FDOE Office of Safe Schools have access.)
- All relevant users receive tips simultaneously.
- Tips can be received through email, text, or phone depending on how you set up your profile.

Responding to the Tip (School's Role)

- Review tips received.
- Nature of the tip will determine response. (Based on data from similar systems 90% of tips do not require coordination with law enforcement.)
- Evaluate and respond to tips with appropriate staff following current policy and procedures.
- Add notes and mark tips "closed" upon appropriate steps being taken. (If law enforcement involvement is required, the Office of School Services will coordinate the closing of the tip with the school and SJSO)
- Office of School Services will follow-up with each school upon receipt of all tips and prior to closing.

Additional Information

- Link is live on all schools and district's home pages.
- Share information with SAC, put in newsletters, etc.
- Over 6,922 school sites active across the state.
- 222 law enforcement agencies active across the state.
- Principal can add/remove user accounts at school.
- https://getfortifyfl.com