Management for Schools (REMS) grant, MISD installed Rapid Responder from Prepared Response Inc., which currently protects 17 sites with plans to expand. The system includes documentation of ongoing fire drills, shelter in place and lockdowns, along with storing emergency plans, chemical identification and location as well as reunification sites in case of an emergency. This secure information is then shared with first responders and school officials, providing instant access to school emergency plans and key site information.

The MISD safety and security coordinator teaches new responders how to use the solution, which drives collaboration. Weekly meetings occur between Midlothian ISD and the Midlothian fire and police departments, keeping school safety and teamwork at the forefront of a safe learning environment.

Rapid Responder is an all-hazards site-based crisis management system providing campus officials and first responders instant access to site-specific emergency preparedness and response information. Data includes – but is not limited to – floor plans, site maps, aerial photos, interior and exterior facility imagery, hazardous material locations, utility shut off instructions, police and fire tactical response plans, facility emergency and evacuation plans as well as key contact information.

4/ Western Kentucky U. Adopts Key Management System

Western Kentucky University has adopted Morse Watchman's KeyWatcher cabinets, which is a key control and management system. It only allows pre-authorized users access to the cabinet that houses campus keys. All transactions are automatically recorded to provide an audit trail of who accessed the system and when.

Now, at the end of the day, the 300-plus employees in the maintenance services department return their keys to the key cabinet and the keys stay locked up all night. They take them out again the next day after clocking in. Management can change access schedules for vacationing staff and can lock out terminated employees so the keys remain secure. The system has streamlined the department's key control procedures.

The key cabinets are configured with a card reader that allows university employees to use the same pass as the one they use to clock in and clock out, avoiding the problem of having to use multiple credentials. Also in configuring the key cabinets, management ordered the standard 2 ½-inch size key ring that would accommodate up to 25 keys. Master keys that are used for emergency situations only are secured on specialty key rings and have limited staff access.

5/ Management System Helps Dayton Schools Improve Attendance

Dayton Public Schools (DPS) has installed the PlascoTrac system with 31 DTC4500 printers and Asure ID Enterprise software from HID Global to improve its student identification capabilities.

DPS had a wide variety of, and in some cases a lack of, ID system capabilities throughout the district. This made it difficult to implement standard process improvements that would speed the creation of new IDs at the beginning of each school year. Additionally, DPS needed to expedite the check-in of tardy students, thus allowing them to arrive at their classes faster. For managing tardy students, the schools traditionally used manual processes with handwritten passes, which were inefficient and caused unnecessary delays if multiple students came to school late. Seeking to streamline processes, the school district realized that it needed to institute a universal, mandatory student ID system that allowed them to improve student attendance across the district while enhancing the security of its students and visitors.

DPS can now quickly provide all students with IDs during the first week of the new school year. If a student loses his or her badge, or is newly enrolled in school, a new ID can be created and issued that same day. New visual security elements include a large color photo of the student and his/her name printed in large font on the front of the card, so school personnel can easily identify individuals. Additionally, the ID now includes a barcode that is used in conjunction with the PlascoTrac system. When a student