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Complete School Active Shooter Barricade Solution

With 18 school shootings already in 2018, and the recent horrific news of the Parkland, Florida shooting, there is no more important news than an answer to protecting our nation's children while they are at school.

There are many door barricade products on the market; most of which have never ended up on or near any classroom doors. Why is that, with so much at stake? Because the nations' Fire Marshals are narrowly focused on single-motion egress in case of fire, even though the fatality data in active shooter emergencies makes deaths-by-smoke-or-fire in educational occupancies pale in comparison. In addition, door and door hardware manufacturers don't want to see the current fire/life safety code changed allowing a second motion for egress to prevent after-market barricade hardware placed on older doors. They'd rather see new doors with sophisticated locking mechanisms sold where one motion allows both egress and secure-in-place functionality, consistent with current fire codes. But the economics of this option make no sense for most existing (not new) school occupancies. Except for a few brave state and local Fire Marshals who have waived the single-motion-for-egress requirement, schools and school districts across the country are stuck . . . until now.



Fire Door Solutions, headquartered in Overland Park, Kansas announces the first complete active shooter barricade solution; **Fire Door Armor** – safety when it counts™. The Fire Door Armor door-mounted barricade requires only single-motion egress in its resting state; classroom doors swing freely for egress. Once the Fire Door Armor™ barricade is actuated (active state), the door provides the best secure-in-place protection on the market.

But why is Fire Door Armor™ better than other active shooter barricades? Other barricades must be found somewhere in the room and placed in an active state. This can take valuable seconds or even minutes. Fire Door Armor™ can be actuated in one second – by a Kindergartner. No searching. No special tools or talents. Other barricades secure only one classroom. How do other teachers know of an active shooter emergency? Fire Door Armor™ is the first active shooter barricade with smart wifi technology, that when actuated, sends an alert through the school's mass

notification system to “secure in place; actuate barricade;” effectively allowing an entire campus to lock down in a matter of seconds – potentially saving countless lives. But what if there is a fire simultaneous to an active shooter emergency? A child or adult can return the barricade in it resting position and now a single motion allows egress. Better yet, if access is required from outside the classroom, either because of fire or because the evil is in the classroom, Fire Door Armor™ can be breached by school administrators or first responders using a uniquely engineered breach tool. The height of the Fire Door Armor™ actuation mechanism can be placed anywhere from just above the barricade to at a code-required height of 34-48” above the floor for ADA compliance. 24/7 monitoring, quarterly drills and inspections, and a national installation team make Fire Door Armor™ the complete school active shooter barricade solution.

Fire Door Solutions, headquartered in Overland Park, Kansas, is the nation’s leading service provider of all things life safety – including fire door and damper inspections, repairs, in-field re-labeling of fire doors, fire-stopping, life safety surveys, life safety prints, and life safety director services. The company was founded in 2012 to help others survive life threatening events.

Fire Door Armor™ is available for installation beginning the summer of 2018, with school pilots beginning spring 2018. The Fire Door Armor™ system includes the barricade, a breach tool, a site vulnerability survey, pre-installation inspection, barricade installation, technology installation and testing, 24/7 monitoring, and quarterly inspections. Fire Door Armor™ also offers a unique community-funding model that makes the investment and on-going program expenses a cost-neutral option for most school districts.

You can learn more at www.firedoorarmor.com or call Donnie Thomas at (913) 356-5925.