

## **SWWC School Crisis Response Team Leadership**

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## **How to Get Help Or For More Information**

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Trained team members will be notified and organized to support the school. An On-Site Team Leader will be assigned and will make contact with school administration prior to support being deployed.

[www.swsc.org/CISM](http://www.swsc.org/CISM)

**Providing Support  
to Schools through CISM  
(Critical Incident Stress Management)**

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SOUTHWEST WEST CENTRAL SERVICE COOPERATIVE

# **SWWC**

*Education & Administrative Resources*

# School Crisis Response Team



## Team Mission

The SWWC School Crisis Response Team consists of trained, experienced professionals who will provide support, guidance and resources to schools in Regions 6E, 6W and 8 during and after a crisis situation.

## Team Vision

The SWWC School Crisis Response Team will provide immediate and consistent response and connect schools with resources.

## What is it?

The School Crisis Response Team was created in 2011 as a voluntary partnership between school districts in southwest and west central Minnesota and SWWC. The partnership helps ensure schools have coordinated, on-site support provided to those affected by traumatic events.

The Team's goal is to lessen the impact of traumatic stress by using their specific training/skills and working in coordination with the crisis teams/crisis plans already in place at school districts.

## Who is it?

The Team is comprised of trained individuals who are either mental health professionals or licensed support team members from the southwest and west central regions of Minnesota.

The Team provides support to students and staff in schools and districts through the facilitation of debriefings, defusings and crisis management briefings. All team members follow the protocol of the CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) model.



## What is a Crisis?

- School Violence
- Student Death
- Staff Death
- Suicide
- Natural Disaster
- Accidents

## What are Debriefings and Defusings?

Debriefings: A CISM process led by trained team members aimed at sharing facts while allowing individuals to process thoughts and reactions, and recognize symptoms of grief while teaching healthy reentry skills and techniques.

Defusings: A CISM process led by trained team members aimed at lowering anxiety about the event through discussions aimed to normalize, teach and summarize key points.

These processes focus on providing a framework for individuals to begin a healthy grieving process and allow team members to identify individuals who may require follow-up services.

*The **School Crisis Response Team** was the security I needed and USED during a time when I was concentrating on the death of a student, the needs of the family, and the needs and wants of the entire school district and community. I remember the lead person of the response team coming to me with information to help kids...right when we needed it. They brought appropriate letters to send home...right when we needed them. And they brought the words I needed to use...right when I needed them. The team was incredibly supportive of all levels of our school from each grade level of students, to teachers, coaches and office staff. As far as I could see, they thought of everything!!*

**Sherri Broderius, Superintendent, ACGC Public Schools**