



**Report of a Weapon on the Bus Discussion Based Exercise  
(Focus on School Bus Driver Response)**

**Instructions:**

The following discussion based exercise is intended to test school bus drivers and transportation supervisors' responses involving a brief scenario. Local public safety officials should be invited to participate in the discussion in order to provide technical assistance and discuss their roles and responsibilities relative to this scenario. A facilitator (Transportation Director, local Emergency Manager, etc.) should be designated to lead the discussion, and all transportation personnel should be in attendance to participate and learn appropriate local emergency procedures from the exercise discussion.

**Scenario:**

Jack Davis smiles in his overhead mirror as he navigates his yellow bus down the mountain en route to Johnson Middle School. Jack loves his job and his students. He enjoys the fact that he rarely has to discipline his riders. Jack's reflections are interrupted as he notices Andy quickly walking up the aisle from the middle section of the bus. Andy's face is flushed as he quickly and silently reports to Jack that Tony Flannigan has a gun on the bus. Jack notices that Tony is sitting in last row on the bus.

**Questions:**

What should Jack do at this point?

Should Jack attempt to obtain more information from Andy? What information? Why or why not?

Should he continue down the mountain and take appropriate action once he is in a safe area?

Should Jack immediately report the incident to his supervisor or dispatch?

Should Jack call 911 to report the incident?

What should the school transportation department/district office do once they are notified?

What actions should Jack take once law enforcement arrives?

How can the situation be resolved safely?

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## Tabletop Exercise

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What follow-up actions should be taken once the incident is resolved? Should parents be notified of the incident?

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Bus Safety: <https://kycss.org/resources-and-responders/bus-safety/>

Emergency Guide: <https://kycss.org/emergency-procedures/emergency-guide/>

School Violence: <https://kycss.org/school-safety-issues/school-violence/>


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