



## Aztec Municipal School District

### This is Our Story

- Kirk Carpenter - Superintendent
- Grant Banash - Director of Operations
- Mike Mestas - San Juan County Emergency Manager
- Ben McGaha - Communication Specialist Farmington Police



### Presentation Agenda

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  - Grant Banash, Aztec Schools Director of Operations
  - Mike Mestas, San Juan County Emergency Manager
  - Ben McGaha, Farmington Police Department Communications
- Aztec Schools' Next Steps



## We Will Never Forget Our Hero's



Casey Jordan Marquez



Francisco Fernandez



## This is My Story - Kirk Carpenter

I am AZTEC STRONG

Aztec Municipal School District

- 28 years working for the Aztec Municipal School District
- 8 years as a Special Education and History Teacher at AHS
- 6 years as an Assistant Principal at AHS
- 2.5 years as the Principal of Aztec High School
- 6 years as a Football Coach
- 14 years as a Baseball Coach, 12 years as the Head Coach
- 2.5 years as the Deputy Superintendent
- 9<sup>th</sup> year as the Superintendent



## This is My Story - Grant Banash

### Aztec Municipal School District

- 22 years working for the Aztec Municipal School District
- 16 years as a Vocational Teacher at Aztec High School
- 2 years as an Administrator at Aztec High School
- 4 years as a District Administrator

### San Juan County Fire Department

- 16 years as a Volunteer Firefighter/EMS



## This is My Story - Grant Banash

### District Safety Coordinator

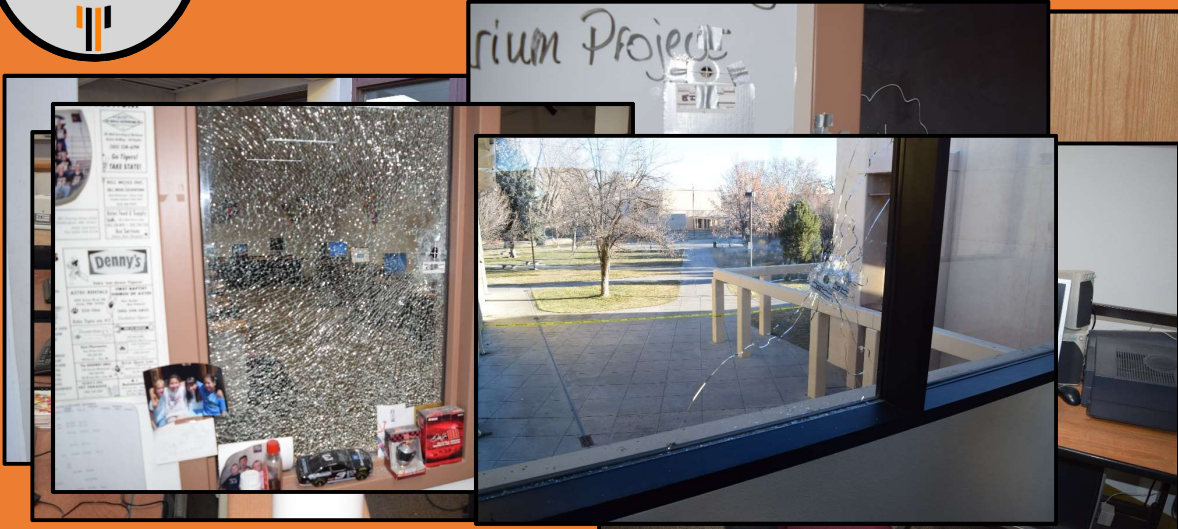
- Member of the County Safe School Committee
- Assisted with the implementation of a district wide radio system
- Organized and provided feedback on live emergency drills
- Development of a Countywide Reunification process
- Produced training materials that are used district wide
- Created [Emergency Event Forms](#) and procedures

### Director of Operations

- Creation of the "DEN"
- Next Steps for improving School Safety in our District
- Building Construction and Hardware Testing



## Incident Snapshot



## Security Cameras





## This is My Story - Mike Mestas

23 years Farmington Fire Department

- Fire Captain, Incident Command, HAZMAT Coordinator, EMT

10 years San Juan County Office of Emergency Management

- 2 years as the Emergency Manager
  - Disaster Response in SJC; Gold King Mine, AVW, Harvest Gold, AHS
- SJC Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)



## This is My Story - Mike Mestas

Safe School Committee

- Committee Chair
- 2009 NMPED Emergency Planning
- Table Top Drills & School Plan Review
- Lock Down Drills & Safety Assessments
- Incident Command Training for Principals
- Inclusion of Fire and Law Enforcement into School Safety Drills
- Joint Information Center – Public Information
- Reunification Planning and Implementation
- Mental Health Crisis Team
- Department of Health and Medical Reserve Corp.
- After Action Items







## Reunification at McGee Park



## This is My Story - Ben McGaha

Attended Lydia Rippey Elementary School

20 years as a Patrolman for Farmington Police Department

- 13 years K9 Officer
- 5 years SWAT Member
- 7 years in charge of Communications
- 17 years as an honor guard member
- Retired 2000
- Returned to Work in 2001 to expand Police communication system

Safe School Committee Member

- Original Committee Member





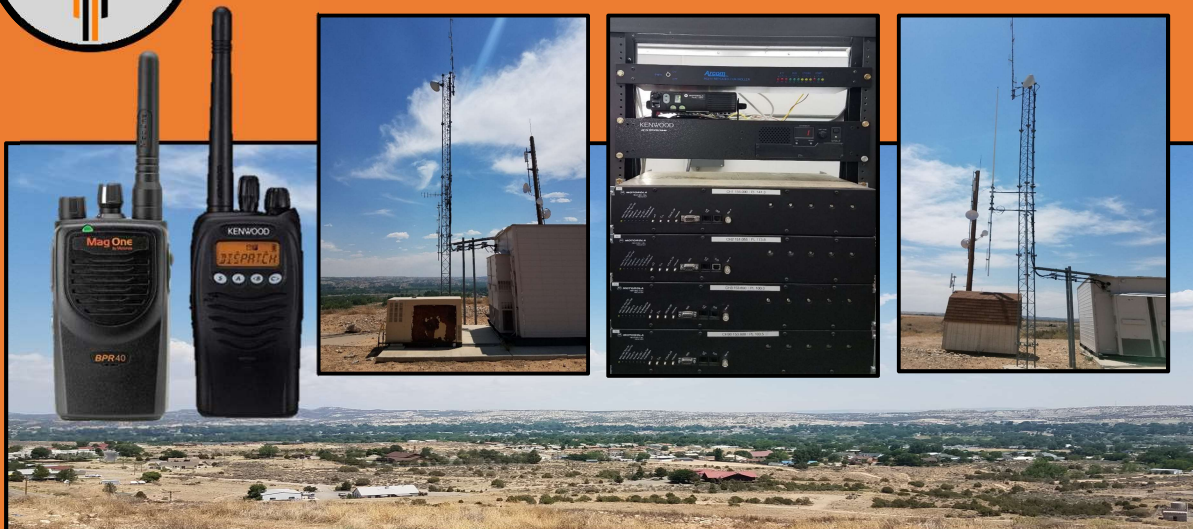
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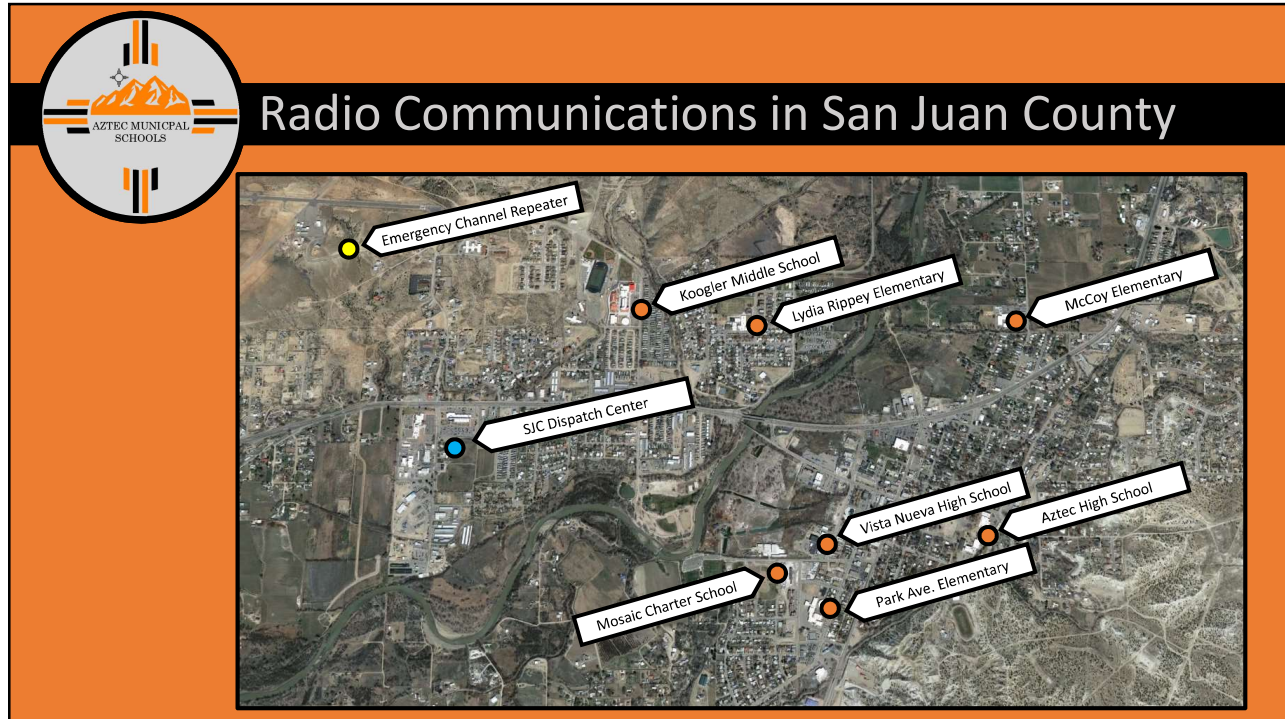
### School Radio Communication Development


- 2004 Implemented handheld radios for the Farmington Public Schools
- 2011 build a Districtwide emergency alert system for FPS
- 2013 build a similar radio system for Bloomfield Public Schools
- 2014 build a similar radio system for Aztec Public Schools
- Currently working with Central Consolidated Schools to create a District wide radio communication system, will include an alert system across the Navajo reservation



## Radio Communications in San Juan County







## Aztec Schools Next Steps

- County Wide Task Force
  - Prevention
  - Reaction
- County Wide School Safety Reporting System
- Continue to Build and Solidify Partnerships
- Mental Health Needs of Students and Staff
- Reunification Plan, Develop and Implement
- Threat Assessment Teams
- District Safety Assessments
- Training and continue to Practice and get better