In 2015, Volusia County Schools had over 66,000 volunteers and 340,000 visitors enter their schools. Campuses relied on pencil and paper sign-in sheets, and worked with the local sheriff’s office to conduct background checks, a process that was costly and could take weeks to return results. District administrators wanted to improve their ability to screen, manage, and report on visitors, volunteers, and volunteer hours.

Volusia County Schools installed the Raptor® system in 78 schools and facilities in 2015, and as a result every visitor and volunteer is instantly screened against the national sex offender databases for all 50 states, as well as a custom database created by the district. The system automatically alerts security personnel about any visitor or volunteer who should not be on school grounds by providing an Instant Sex Offender Alert and an Instant Custom Alert.

Through the Raptor system, the district is also able to run reports on visitors and volunteers in any school or the entire district at any time and from any internet-connected device. Visitors and volunteers are tracked by destination within a school and by the reason for the visit.
NEW VOLUNTEERS CAN BE CLEARED IN 24-48 HOURS, AND THE VOLUNTEERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS (VIQS) DEPARTMENT CAN NOTIFY APPROVED VOLUNTEERS ON THE SAME DAY THAT THEY ARE APPROVED.

26 SEX OFFENDERS HAVE BEEN FLAGGED ATTEMPTING TO ENTER VOLUSIA COUNTY SCHOOLS, AND NEARLY 300 CUSTOM ALERTS HAVE BEEN TRIGGERED.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, STAFF, PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS, AND THE COMMUNITY ALL VIEW THE RAPTOR® SYSTEM AS A CLEAR IMPROVEMENT FOR THE SAFETY OF FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS.

“RAPTOR HAS BEEN AN EXTREMELY VALUABLE ASSET FOR VOLUSIA. RAPTOR’S EASE OF USE ALLOWS OUR STAFF MEMBERS TO ACCOUNT FOR VISITORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND FACULTY ENTERING OUR CAMPUSES EACH DAY. THE OFFENDER/PREDATOR ALERTS, EMERGENCY ALERTS, AND PRIVATE ALERTS HAVE PROVEN TO BE EXTREMELY BENEFICIAL BY IDENTIFYING INDIVIDUALS WHO SHOULD NOT BE ON OUR CAMPUSES. THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE OPERATION,” SAID CHRIS BOYER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, VOLUSIA COUNTY SCHOOLS STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.

KEY RESULTS

Volusia County Schools has installed the Raptor® system at 78 schools and facilities. Since becoming a customer in 2015, the district has:

- Tracked and screened 233,448 visitors, and flagged 26 sex offenders during the 2015-2016 school year
- Managed 297 custom alerts
- Logged 97,725 volunteer sign-ins

RESULTS

By using the Raptor® Volunteer Management System to manage volunteer applications, Volusia County Schools has saved over $35,000 per year.

. . . Raptor’s ease of use allows our staff members to account for visitors, volunteers, and faculty entering our campuses each day.

- Chris Boyer, Assistant Director, Volusia County Schools Student Transportation Services

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