



CASE STUDY

Cass County (IN) Community Foundation Steps Up, Funds Raptor® for Entire County

CHALLENGE

Cass County, Indiana, community members—like people all around the country—had become increasingly aware of the alarming trend toward violent incidents in the nation’s schools. County leaders, including the directors of the Cass County Community Foundation (CCCF), believed it was incumbent on them to take a communal approach to addressing school safety because they realized that no community could consider itself immune to the possibility of such events. “We believe that school safety is not one dimensional and the responsibility does not belong solely to our schools: it is the entire community’s responsibility to work together to find solutions,” says CCCF president and CEO Deanna Crispen.

“The community foundation was considering possible collaborative projects with the superintendents of the county’s four school corporations,” Crispen continues. “One of the superintendents brought up the subject of school security. We all understood how critical it was that our schools are prepared to respond to emergencies of all kinds. The superintendent described the products from Raptor Technologies®. His description truly got us interested, so we requested a demo the following week with the supers, local and county law enforcement, and other key stakeholders. When we saw the demonstration, everyone was so impressed with Raptor’s offerings that we asked for a quote for all

CASS COUNTY (IN) SCHOOLS



Students in Cass County, Indiana, are served by four K-12 school corporations.

- Logansport Community School Corporation (7 schools)
- Caston School Corporation (2 schools)
- Pioneer Regional School Corporation (2 schools)
- Lewis Cass Schools (3 schools)

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SOLUTION

CCCF and the four school corporations chose to implement both the Raptor® Visitor Management and the Raptor Emergency Management systems in every school. The Visitor Management system scans each school visitor’s state-issued ID against sex offender registries in all 50 states, as well as any locally customized lists for custody alerts, court orders, and other banned visitor restrictions. A positive result subtly alerts front office staff to the presence of a potentially dangerous intruder and instantly contacts building administrators and any other district-designated personnel and summons them to intervene, preventing the person from entering the school and having contact with students or staff. If the ID scan comes up clean, the system prints a sticker badge with the visitor’s photo (copied from the ID), name, destination within the school and purpose for visit. The sticker badge indicates to students and staff that the visitor has been screened and OK’ed for admission to the building. The Raptor system also tracks each approved visitor’s presence and keeps a record of all such visits district wide.

The Raptor Emergency Management system combines proven practices and protocols with cutting-edge mobile technology to give school officials an integrated tool for safety drill management, real-time emergency management, and speedy parent-student reunification in the event of an emergency requiring offsite student evacuation. School administrators or emergency commanders can conduct drills or initiate an actual emergency from their mobile devices or computers with the touch of a button. Via the mobile app, emergency managers and designated first responders have instant access to facility maps and school emergency procedures. Designated personnel can see and monitor the status and location of every student and staff member within minutes of the start of an emergency.

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RESULTS

Raptor Technologies® had never implemented its systems in a countywide, cross-district way prior to the Cass County adoption. “Our first-responders, led by our sheriff’s office, believed that it was important for the schools to share a common security and emergency response platform, as did our other county leaders,” Crispen points out. “Parents weren’t part of the initial collaborative effort, but every bit of feedback we’ve received from parents has been extremely positive. Implementation of Raptor countywide is an important step toward a comprehensive school safety and response plan, and it wouldn’t have happened without us collaborating and being willing to work toward the best solution for everyone. We’re all dedicated to making Cass County a safe place to raise kids. Every county in Indiana has a similar organization to the Cass County Community Foundation, and all of them strive to benefit the lives of the residents of their respective counties. I have no doubt that many community foundations, if presented with this product, would be motivated to collaborate with other community and school leaders to come up with solutions such as Raptor to benefit their children.”

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EVERY SCHOOL, EVERY DAY.**

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