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Janesville schools preparing staff for emergencies, such as shootings

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JANESVILLE, Wis. — The Janesville School District is teaching its staff how to treat victims in medical emergency situations, including school shootings.

All 1,200 school officials will receive training in tourniquet application. A school resource officer at Marshall Middle School says he hopes the training will empower teachers to realize they can make a difference amid an emergency.

The school district has teamed up with the Janesville fire and police departments, as well as Mercy Health System, to provide about 900 kits to local schools that can aid in an active shooter situation. The Casualty Care Classroom Kits were first used last winter during an FBI-mediated tabletop exercise.

A Mercy Health System official says the kit, which can be used by anyone, would also be helpful in the event of a tornado or explosion.

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