

MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS
HIGH SCHOOL

Marjory Stoneman Douglas Shooting Overview



Marjory Stoneman Douglas Facts

- Located in the City of Parkland, FL (pop. 37,000).
- Staffing for Parkland is a Sergeant and four deputies/shift.
- Attended by approximately 3,200 students and 200 staff.
- The 45 acre campus has thirteen buildings (13).
- One full time School Resource Deputy (SRD) is assigned.
- District deputies assist during student arrival and dismissal times.
- The school has several unarmed security specialists on campus.
- The video security system covers 70 different camera angles.
- The shooting occurred in Building 12 and is covered by thirteen (13) camera angles. Otherwise known as the “1200 building” or “Freshman building” it has 3 floors with stairwells on the east and west ends.

Suspect

Nikolas Jacob Cruz, W/M

- DOB: 09/24/1998
- Charged with 17 counts of homicide.
- Former MSD student.
- Medically evaluated several times by school and Henderson Behavior Health personnel.
- Received counseling by School.
- No prior arrests.
- No juvenile civil citations.
- No reported Promise program participation.
- All weapons purchased legally.
- Armed with AR-15 Rifle and more than 300 rounds of ammunition.



Prior Law Enforcement Contact

- 49 BSO calls for service involving Nikolas Cruz or his address.
- 18 of these calls involved Nikolas Cruz.
- Cruz was evaluated by mental health professionals several times and not deemed to be a threat to himself or others.
- None of the prior calls constituted a prosecutable criminal offense.
- Two of the prior calls are being investigated internally to determine if the actions of deputies complied with policy.
- FBI tips and PBSO call for service.

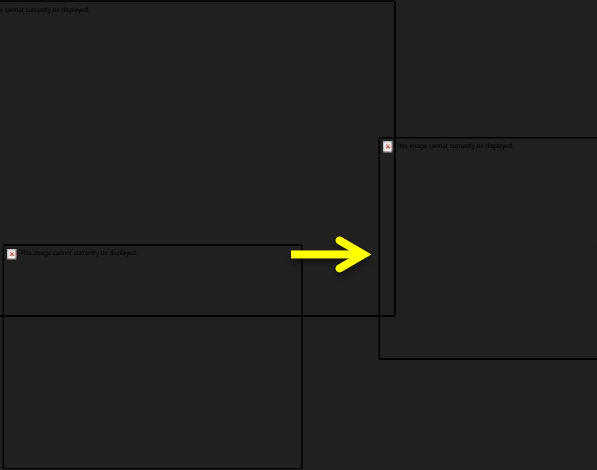


Police/Fire Services

- Parkland contracts the Broward Sheriff's Office to provide its law enforcement services.
- The City contracts the Coral Springs Fire Department for its Fire/EMS services.
- BSO has approx. 5,600 employees.
 - DLE –1,500 deputies / 16 districts (airport, seaport, courthouse)
 - DOD –1,300 deputies (3 facilities – 13th largest local jail system in US)
 - Fire –700 fire fighter/paramedics
 - Regional Communications – 450 personnel (County wide 4yrs / two municipal)
 - CPIS – 150 personnel
 - County Crime Lab – Services all county agencies

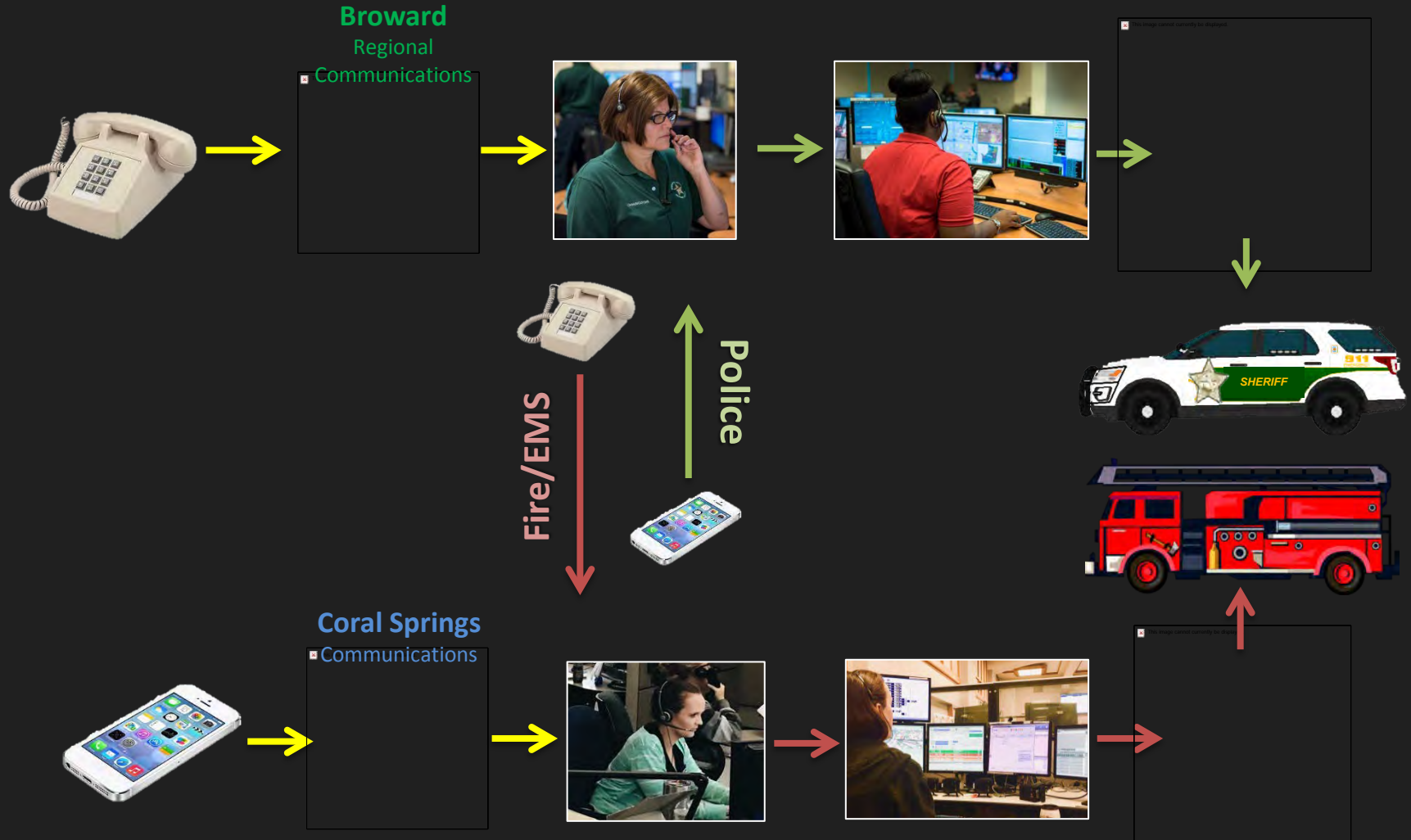


Typical 911 Routing





911 Routing – Parkland





BSO - 911 Calls

(2:22 pm to 3:35 pm)

- 911 land line calls are routed to the BSO Regional Communications System.
- Received approximately 71 incoming calls.
- No calls were abandoned.
- No calls received a busy signal.
- Only one inbound call was received from the school. Male heard whispering and disconnected.
- The remaining 70 calls were second and third hand from individuals not on scene.



CSPD 911 Calls

(2:22 pm to 3:35 pm)

- 911 cell phone lines are routed to the Coral Springs Communication System.
- Received approximately 86 incoming calls (Estimates from CSPD data).
- Callers abandoned 21 of these calls.
- A busy signal was received by one of these calls (2:27 pm).
- Three (3) calls were relayed by CSPD to BSO.
- Information relayed:
 - Initial call of shots fired as MSD.
 - Someone shot in the 1200 building
 - Shooter in north student parking lot.
 - Third hand information that the shooter was wearing a vest.

Campus Map



Westglades
Middle School

Holmberg Rd

Football Field

MSD High School

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Sawgrass Expy (Toll road)

Pine Island Rd

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Campus Map





Incident Timeline

2:21 pm – SRD Peterson receives a call of possible firecrackers at Bldg. 12.

2:22 pm – Fire alarm is activated (2nd of day) as a result of gunfire. Students begin to exit classrooms.

2:23 pm – SRD Peterson arrives on scene and reports possible shots fired at 1200 building. At same time dispatch alert tones channel 8A. It is believed that these are rounds fired outward at west doorway when opened by a victim. Peterson's first directions are for arriving units to shut down nearby intersections.

2:25 pm – SRD Peterson advises units "we're looking at the 1200 building."

2:19 pm – Suspect arrives at school by Uber

2:21 pm – Suspect enters building 12 through east entrance, proceeds to east stairwell and make weapon ready.

2:21 pm – Suspect begins shooting on 1st floor

2:22 pm – First 911 call is received by CSPD

2:23 pm – Suspect proceeds to the second floor using the west stairwell. Students on 3rd floor are exiting classrooms for fire alarm and are filling hallway.

2:24 pm – Suspect proceeds to the third floor using the east stairwell.

2:25 pm – Coral Springs officer questions dispatch of active shooter call at MSD on talk around channel. She confirms.



Incident Timeline

2:25 pm – Deputy reports “I hear shots fired by the football field.” Peterson confirms the 1200 building and announces for school to be locked.

2:26 pm – SRD Peterson advises “I hear shots fired, shots fired.”

2:27 pm – Deputies report shots fired by the football field.

2:27 pm – SRD Peterson, “make sure no one comes into the front of the school.”

2:28 pm – SRD Peterson advises units to stay at least 500 feet from the 1200 building.

2:28 pm – Deputy advises of gunshot victim located at the west end of the football field.

2:28 pm – Deputy advises he is with a gunshot victim near the entrance to Westglades Middle School.

2:29 pm – Deputies advise they do not know where the shooter is and attempt entry to Building 13.

2:26pm - CSPD Channel 2 – M37: “I need info on an active shooter at Douglas.” Dispatch: I have an active shooter at Douglas HS. Multiple gunshots...I can hear them through the phone. I think that I am landline with a teacher.”

2:26 pm - Coral Springs dispatch advises their officers of an active shooter at MSD with lines “blowing up.”

2:27 pm – Shooting ceases. Suspect discards weapon and flees building

2:27 pm – First CSPD officer announces arrival on scene (Ofc Burton).

2:28 pm – CSPD units directed to the north side of the school. Ofc Burton broadcasts a BOLO for the suspect. Advises no more shooting and he is with SRD Peterson (eas.

2:29 pm – CSPD dispatch advises of three victims down in room 1216

2:30 pm – CSPD officers moving with two BSO deputies. They advise of victim down outside building and unknown suspect location.



Incident Timeline

2:30 pm – Captain asks of perimeter status and if kids are cleared out of school.

2:32 pm – CSPD and BSO group make entry to Bldg. 12 through the west entrance and begin to extricate victims.

2:33 pm – BSO team advises they make entry into Bldg. 9.

2:34 pm – Captain directs command post to be established on Pine Island and Sawgrass.

2:36 pm – Additional CSPD and BSO personnel enter Bldg. 12

2:40 pm – K-9 on scene to assist with track of suspect.

2:40 pm – Officers begin clearing 2nd floor of building 12

2:30 pm – CSPD officers request traffic blocked into area.

2:31 pm – CSPD Officer Burton covering east side of building 12 with long gun. In contact with Peterson.

2:32 pm – CSPD Dispatch again advises of gunshots in room 1216.

2:32 pm – CSPD Officer reports gunshots going into or out of 3rd floor window. Bullet holes on west side windows.

2:33 pm – CSPD report of a victim at west side of building.

2:35 pm – Victim is taken from building on golf cart by CSPD and BSO.

2:35 pm - CSPD Officer advises there are plenty of officers in the 1200 building, starting to move up floors. "We don't have an active scene."



Incident Timeline

2:41 pm – Deputy reports having problem transmitting over radio.

2:42 pm – Request is made to have deputy go to camera room.

2:44 pm – Det. Rossman, BSO puts out BOLO for suspect.

2:51 pm – BSO SWAT enters Bldg. 12.

3:02 pm – Officers and Deputies begin clearing 3rd floor.

3:02 pm – BSO dispatch advised by Det. Rossman of suspect leaving west bound from school with kids with approximately a 20 minute delay.

2:44 pm – CSPD advises of patch with 14 joint ops. Unsuccessful as CSPD personnel must turn to 14 joint ops.

2:44 pm – CSPD officer requests perimeter to keep parents out who are “flooding the school.”

2:47 pm – Patch abandoned. Radio throttling becomes more pronounced. Captain unable to transmit.

2:50 pm – Suspect enters the Wal-Mart

2:52 pm – Suspect leaves Wal-Mart

3:01 pm – Suspect enters McDonalds

3:01 pm – AR-15 and magazines located in stairwell of third floor.

3:02 pm – Suspect leaves McDonalds



Incident Timeline

3:09 pm – BSO dispatch advises of suspect identity, Nikolas Cruz.

3:16 pm – Col. Polan advises he is now incident commander. Difficulty transmitting due to radio problems.

3:21 pm – Last civilian is evacuated from building.

3:25 pm – BSO Detective relays a possible address for suspect.

3:29 pm - BSO Detective advises he spoke with Cruz family member and that suspect was possible at the McDonalds in Coral Springs.

3:33 pm – Officers and Deputies continue to evacuate students and teachers in other buildings.

3:39 pm – Possible suspect detained.

3:40 pm – Suspect is taken into custody

3:05 pm – CSPD advises on their channel that suspect ran west then south from school.

3:13 pm – CSPD radio channel advises of suspect identity, Nikolas Cruz.