

Gowrie Group and VFIS Sponsor Regional Seminars on Emergency Planning and Response for School Shootings

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[Gowrie Group](#) and [VFIS](#) are proud to jointly sponsor an important upcoming regional seminar series called *Emergency Planning and Response for School Shootings*. The seminars are being hosted by VFIS's longtime client, The New England Division of The International Association of Fire Chiefs. Jay Ruoff, Bureau Chief with the Littleton Colorado Fire Rescue, will be the presenting speaker.

By teaming up with the local chapter of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Gowrie and VFIS are working to help protect our schools, first responders, and students. These seminars, which will review the tragedy at Columbine High School in Colorado, are intended to provide a platform for public safety, government, and community leaders to discuss their community's ability to respond effectively to a similar act of ultra-violence.

Brad Preston, Senior Vice President at Gowrie, said, *"We're thankful to be able to support cities, towns, and municipal agencies here in New England with these important programs in April 2013. We believe these 3 seminars will enable local police, firefighters, and other public and school officials to share lessons learned and better protect young people in our communities."*

Seminar Schedule for April 2013:

- **Thursday, April 11th**, 8:00am-4:00pm at Greek Hellenic Center ~ Dover, NH
- **Friday, April 12th**, 8:00am-4:00pm at Lake Morey Resort ~ Fairlee, VT
- **Saturday, April 13th**, 8:00am-4:00pm at Sheraton Springfield~ Springfield, MA

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