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Good evening Mr. Mayor and members of the City Council. I am here tonight to present the Public Safety Report for February 5th through February 19th, 2018.

In consideration of the tragic shooting and loss of life that took place in Florida last week, we want the community and the members of city council to know that your deputies are prepared for such an event. We plan for the worst through school emergency plans, and extensive training. And we have a wide range of resources to assist us.

Additionally, we take allegations of threats on students and/or school staff, and reports of suspicious behavior seriously. Every allegation is immediately and thoroughly investigated. If we find any violation of law, then we hold that individual accountable to the fullest extent of the law. If we believe mental illness may be a factor, then we also ensure that person is evaluated at a psychiatric care facility.

Keeping our schools and community safe is a shared responsibility. We rely on the community's observations and reporting of oddities in their neighborhood. The community members are our eyes and ears, and our neighborhood experts. Community members are best suited to identify those individuals that exhibit warning signs. If you witness warning signs, call the sheriff's department, talk to the school officials, if appropriate, and talk to your community groups, such as neighborhood watch.

According to Psychology Today, there are always warning signs of shooters. Some are subtle, but identifiable, if you know what you are looking for:

- Shooters lack remorse. They do unspeakable acts, such as torture animals, without regret.
- They act violently. They lack ethics and a healthy conscience. The big shooting isn't the first "big act." They will start with smaller acts of violence, which can involve torturing animals, or other violent acts, and has an effect of building their violence muscle.
- They have a history of social, emotional, & mental disturbances.

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- They have an obsession with weapons. They may study the building of explosives, learn how to acquire guns, and may even have a cache of weapons.
- They have no meaningful friends. They tend to be loners.
- They typically have a high family dysfunction. Nearly every mass shooter has come from a somewhat dysfunctional family.

This concludes my report and I would be happy to entertain any questions you may have.

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