

School districts across the country share a primary responsibility, to ensure a safe and secure environment for students, staff and visitors. In this situation, the office of Risk Management and Security, alongside the Facilities Department, were looking for practical, yet effective, measures to provide protection from threats, such as gunfire. School and safety professionals strive to provide multiple layers of protection; some that may be active and visible, and some passive.

The team from Amulet[®] Ballistic Barriers have been helping school boards in the state of Virginia provide an additional level of security by integrating bullet-resisting panels in the Dias.



The original Dias wood fascia was removed and Amulet[®] Ballistic Barriers was attached to the wood frame (as shown in this photo).

Minimal Downtime and Disruption

With the assistance of a local carpenter, Amulet[®] Ballistic Barriers, tested to meet National Institutes of Justice (NIJ) Level IIIA-Handgun (9mm, 44-Mag) performance standards, was 'seamlessly integrated' inside a School Board Dias that was custom built 15 years prior.

Fabricators removed the existing fascia, installed Amulet[®] Ballistic Barriers, then reapplied a replica fascia with the use of common carpentry materials and equipment. The technology of choice was Amulet[®] for handgun threat protection. With Amulet[®] being light-weight (1.3 pounds per square foot), thin (1/4 of an inch), and flexible (enough to bend to the shape of a curve), this Dias was 'reconstructed' into a safe-haven.

Invisible to the Public

Of great importance to the school district was for the bullet-resistant material to be 'hidden' from the public, yet effective protection if someone were to 'duck-and-cover' during an active shooter event.

Purchased on Federal Contract

Virginia state government allows the purchase of security products on GSA Schedule 84. Amulet[®] Ballistic Barriers is available on Facilities Development Corporation federal contract # **GS-07F-5695P** (FDC is a service disabled, veteran owned, small business located in Reston, VA).

Project Scope

40 lin. ft. (curved) custom school board Dias
 Amulet[®] Ballistic Barriers -Handgun threat
 NIJ 0108.01 Level IIIA-handgun ballistic standards
 7- day installation, completed 2016



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Amulet[®] solutions available:

| <u>Technology</u> | <u>Threat</u> | <u>Meets Ballistic Standards</u> |
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| Amulet [®] | Hangun | NIJ 0108.01 Level IIIA |
| Amulet [®] | Rifle | NIJ 0108.01 Level III |
| Amulet [®] | Armor Piercing | NIJ 0108.01 Level IV |
| | | NIJ-National Institute of Justice |