



# MEMBER ALERT

## Recent iPad Theft and Security Reminders

**ON 09/18/12 AND 10/25/12 AN NBSIA DISTRICT MEMBER WAS HIT TWICE BY THEFT AT A SINGLE SITE.**

Approximately 55 iPads were stolen from a school site located in a high crime neighborhood. The first loss on 09/18/12 included 30 iPads and a charge cart damaged so badly it could not be repaired or used again; for an approximate total of \$14,000. The second loss on 10/25/12 is not yet fully defined but we estimate the iPads loss between \$9,475 and \$11,370 plus the damage of another cart as well as a damaged door, lock and repair costs.

**Total loss estimate = \$28,000+**

**District Cost= \$10,000**

### **OUR INVESTIGATION OF THESE THEFTS SUGGEST YOU CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING WHEN SECURING VALUABLES:**

- Prior to distributing iPads or iPhones to staff or sites enable the “Find my iPad/iPhone” GPS tracking application.
- Engrave the District’s name on equipment. Engraving is free through Apple and may be available free through other vendors.
- **Purchase security safes.** New schools in the Bay Area are installing security safes, floor safes, and vault doors to small rooms to secure their theater equipment, laptops, iPads, etc. See [www.libertysafe.com](http://www.libertysafe.com) for more information.
- If a security safe is not an option set a separate alarm on a designated secure closet/room that is different from your exterior intrusion alarm. If the alarm on the specific closet /room is tripped it can be distinguished from your exterior alarm and location of break-in can be immediately reported to the police.
- Check with your security vendor to determine if high resolution camera lenses are available. Many schools have a “lights out” policy that may disable security cameras if the lenses are not appropriate for darkness.
- Consider motion sensor lights or lifting the “lights out” policy altogether for high risk schools.

### **IF AN INCIDENT OCCURS:**

- Thoroughly review all security camera footage taken at the time of the incident.
- Work with your local police department. Budgets are strained so you may need to be even more proactive in working with them.
- Share information about break-in issues with staff. For example, this District has night shift custodians working alone and it is critical they follow security and safety practices set in place by the District. Sharing information with all district custodial staff reinforces the necessity for safety while working alone and presents an opportunity to reduce risk district wide.
- Remember to Communicate! Often we have no idea about dangers occurring around us. Communicating knowledge and information is the best way to protect our employees, students and sites.
- Make sure NBSIA is notified and involved. Report all property losses regardless of value. Expect to see us on-site to assist you throughout the entire loss process.

**PLEASE FORWARD THIS ALERT AS APPROPRIATE**

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