

Susan Graves has served *Lincoln County School District* on the Oregon Coast as Safety Coordinator since 2001. She oversees all aspects of emergency preparedness and management for 17 public schools and facilities that serve more than 5000 students and 500 staff. Lincoln County comprises nearly 1,000 square miles of rural area, 60 of which hug the Pacific Ocean, with several distinct regions and local cultures. As a result, Ms. Graves routinely coordinates safety services with six different government authorities, five law enforcement agencies, eight fire districts, six emergency service agencies and two hospitals. Her collaborative work frequently involves multi-agency, full-scale training exercises as well as presentations for school administration, staff, students, partnering agencies and community groups.



Ms. Graves is a nationally recognized subject matter expert on school emergency management, earthquakes & tsunami preparedness and Teen CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) serving the *United States Department of Education* as a trainer for schools across the country. Some of her recent work includes training 850 education administrators, law enforcement agents, and state/local municipalities in Connecticut following the tragic Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting; she also contributed to The White House's newly released guidance for schools entitled "*Guide for Developing High-Quality School Emergency Operations Plans.*"

Susan recently produced a series of 24 videos on a variety of school safety topics for *Lincoln County School District*, ranging from school violence and missing children to medical emergencies, natural disasters and school bus emergencies. She has received several awards honoring her professional achievements. She is also an accomplished grant writer, securing over \$3.8 million in grants for *Lincoln County School District*.

Ms. Graves served on the *Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission's 'Coastal Communities Task Group'*, contributing to the *Oregon Resilience Plan*. She is a certified *Tsunami Awareness* trainer for *FEMA's National Disaster Preparedness Training Center* and has been a featured speaker for several *FEMA*, *American Red Cross*, and *U.S. Department of Education* national webcasts. She has served on the *Oregon Tsunami Advisory Council*, *Oregon Coast Beach Safety Committee*, *Lincoln County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council*, and the *Lincoln County Citizen Corps Coordinating Council*. She is a licensed Amateur Radio Operator and is trained in the *National Incident Management System*, Post-Earthquake Safety Evaluation of Buildings, American Red Cross Shelter Operations and Management, and holds a national COBRA certification in decontamination.