



**SUSAN GRAVES** has served the *Lincoln County School District* on the Oregon Coast as Safety Coordinator since 2001. She oversees all aspects of emergency preparedness and management for 21 public schools & facilities that serve more than 5,500 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 eight government authorities, seven law-enforcement agencies, eight fire districts, six emergency service agencies, three ambulance companies and two hospital districts. 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 serves on the *Oregon Tsunami Advisory Council*, the *Lincoln County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council*, the *Oregon Coast Beach Safety Committee*, and the *Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission's* Tsunami Task Group, contributing to the development of the *Oregon Disaster Resiliency Plan*.

Susan is a nationally recognized subject matter expert on school emergency management, Teen CERT, and earthquakes/tsunamis and serves the *United States Department of Education* as a trainer for schools across the country. Her most recent work with the *U.S. Department of Education* was as a trainer for 850 school administrators, law enforcement officials, and state & local municipalities in Connecticut following the tragic Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.

Ms. Graves is a certified trainer for *FEMA's National Disaster Preparedness Training Center*. She appears frequently on local radio shows and has been a featured speaker for several *FEMA*, *American Red Cross*, and *U.S. Department of Education* national webcasts.

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

A *Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)* trainer, Ms. Graves developed a nationally recognized school-based Teen CERT program. She is a licensed Amateur Radio Operator and is trained in the National Incident Management System, Post-Earthquake Safety Evaluation of Buildings, Red Cross Shelter Operations and Management, and holds a national COBRA Certification in decontamination.