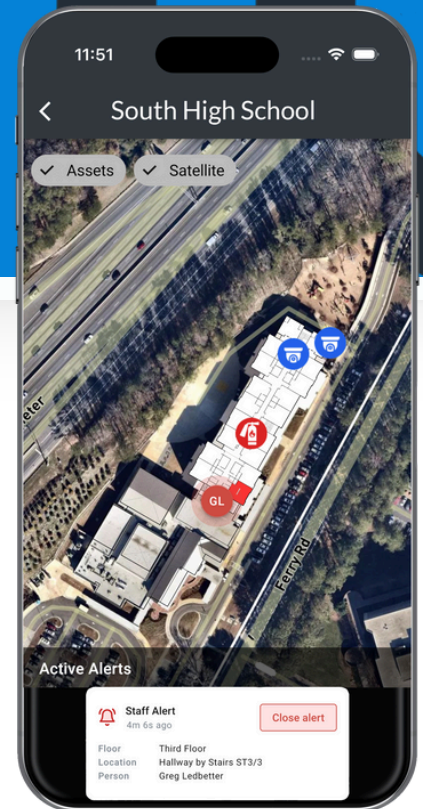


# CENTEGIX Impact Story

## Campus-Wide Scare: Initiating a Lockdown to Protect Against Potential Threats

### The Threat

- In July 2023, students and teachers were at Schmidt Elementary School in Hillsborough County, FL, for summer school.
- One July afternoon, a staff member spotted two teenagers outside approaching the building with what looked like a rifle.
- Immediately, the staff member used their CrisisAlert badge to activate a campus-wide lockdown. Audio-visual notifications were instantly activated, including strobes placed throughout the entire building, **alerting everyone on campus that a lockdown was taking place and to initiate their safety protocols.**



### The Response

- As soon as the lockdown was initiated, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office immediately received notification that a lockdown had been initiated at Schmidt Elementary School.
- Law enforcement instantly responded and, within minutes, apprehended the teenagers on the side of the school. They were found with a BB gun, not a rifle. They were taken into custody and the lockdown was lifted.



**Hillsborough County  
Public Schools**



**224K+**

students



**25K+**

faculty and staff



**305**

schools



**2019**

became a CENTEGIX  
customer

*Perhaps the most important feature for me with CENTEGIX [is that] it brings with it a suite of features that really addresses the industry standards that you see in the fire safety world as well as school safety.*

**Chief John Newman**, Chief of  
Police, Hillsborough County  
Public Schools, FL



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