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EINPresswire.com/ -- [Swatting](#)—a malicious tactic involving false emergency calls to provoke armed law enforcement responses—has become the weapon of choice for terrorizing students and political figures. Once considered a fringe activity, swatting has evolved into a widespread and dangerous trend, disrupting schools, intimidating public officials, and costing taxpayers a staggering \$500 million annually.



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TDR Technology Solutions, a leader in threat-prevention technology headquartered in Monroe, NY, is calling attention to this escalating crisis and offering advanced solutions to prevent these incidents.

“Swatting is no longer just a reckless prank; it’s a deliberate act of intimidation targeting our most vulnerable—students—and those at the forefront of public discourse,” said Don Beeler, CEO of TDR Technology

Solutions. “These attacks are not only terrorizing communities but are also crippling emergency response systems and draining public resources.”

## The Alarming Rise of Swatting

Swatting incidents have surged across the United States, affecting schools and political figures at an unprecedented rate:

- Impact on Schools: Over 2,000 schools experienced swatting incidents in September 2024 alone, leaving students traumatized and disrupting education nationwide.

- Political Weaponization: High-profile individuals, including politicians and activists, are increasingly targeted, turning swatting into a tool for political intimidation.
- Taxpayer Burden: The annual cost of swatting to taxpayers has soared to \$500 million, driven by school disruptions, lost instructional time, and mental health impacts—excluding the costs incurred by emergency response and first responders.

“Every fake threat diverts resources away from genuine emergencies, putting entire communities at risk,” added Beeler. “The toll on mental health, especially for students, is immeasurable. These children should feel safe in their schools, not terrified by hoaxes designed to cause chaos.”

### TDR Technology Solutions: A Technology-Driven Solution

TDR Technology Solutions has developed cutting-edge tools to combat the swatting epidemic:

- SAM Voice: Prevents fraudulent calls from reaching 911 centers and schools, ensuring real emergencies are prioritized.
- SAM AirDrop: Tracks and identifies anonymous AirDrop senders used to spread hoaxes in schools.
- SAM Email Swatting Protection: Blocks fake email-based threats before they disrupt communities.

These tools are already helping municipalities and schools nationwide prevent swatting, saving millions in taxpayer dollars and protecting lives.

For a detailed analysis of the financial and societal impacts, see the report: [The Real Cost of Swatting](#). This looks at the cost impact to schools.

### Call to Action

TDR Technology Solutions urges schools, law enforcement, and policymakers to adopt advanced technologies to counteract swatting. “As swatting becomes the weapon of choice for terrorizing students and public figures, the time for action is now,” said Beeler. “We must invest in proven solutions to safeguard our communities from this escalating threat.”

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### About TDR Technology Solutions

Based in Monroe, NY, TDR Technology Solutions is the global leader in threat-prevention

technology. The company's state-of-the-art solutions protect schools, emergency response centers, and communities from swatting fake threats and hoaxes. With a mission to enhance public safety, reduce disruptions, and save taxpayer dollars, TDR Technology Solutions is trusted by institutions nationwide.

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