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DAY ONE

November 4, 2019

7:30 AM – 8:00 AM Coffee, Registration, and Participant Check-in

8:00 AM– 8:30 AM **Presentation of Colors**
Richmond Police Department Honor Guard

National Anthem
Paula Green, Reynolds Community College (Tentative)

Welcome and Introductions
*Kate Hession, Director, Maryland Center for School Safety
Shannon Dion, Agency Director, Department of Criminal Justice Services*

*The Honorable Brian Moran, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security
The Honorable Ralph Northam, Governor of Virginia*

8:30AM – 9:30AM Overview of Violence in America: National Incidents and the Impact on Educational Institutions

John Wyman, Unit Chief, BAU, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

9:30 AM – 9:45AM BREAK

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM Overview of Attacks in Educational Settings: Implications for Best Practices in School Threat Assessment

Lina Alathari, Chief, National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC)

The presentation will offer an overview of targeted violence impacting educational settings by discussing the recently released U.S. Secret Service study examining attacks at K-12 schools from 2008 – 2017. The presentation will also discuss current best practices in threat assessment and targeted violence prevention plans.

10:45 AM – 11:00AM BREAK

11:00AM – 12:00PM Violence in Schools and Social Media Leakage: What it looks like and where to find it.

Nick Chernoff, Lead Trainer, Safer Schools Together (SST)

A review of actual social media leakage from a number of select school and mass shootings as well as averted attacks over the last decade. This will allow us to know exactly where these pre-incident warning signs exist and how we can find them. The risk factors we have seen publicly displayed online by an individual on a pathway to engage in serious violence are the same risk factors exhibited by those who are being radicalized towards terrorism and those planning to shoot up a school. There are several youth culture phenomenons that will be discussed that are both enhancing the lives of young people with access to unlimited information like never before and consequently also creating conflict, breeding online hate, lowering levels of empathy and severely impacting mental health. This session will cover the current state of affairs in social media through the context of popular, niche, and underground/deep web platforms.

12:00PM – 1:00PM LUNCH PROVIDED

1:00PM– 2:00PM State Implementation: The Path Virginia and Maryland Took and Why

Donna Michaelis, Manager, Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety, Department of Criminal Justice Services

Kate Hession, Director, Maryland Center for School Safety

2:00 PM – 2:15PM BREAK

2:15PM – 3:15PM The National Averted School Violence (ASV) Database and Lessons Learned from an Averted Threat

National Police Foundation

Jeff Allison, International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA)

Brooke Olsen-Farrell, Superintendent, Slate Valley Unified School District

Jason Rasco, Fair Haven High School Principal, Slate Valley Unified School District

This presentation will serve as an overview of the National Averted School Violence (ASV) Database. It will include lessons learned from case studies and guidance on how to submit reports to and access reports in the Database. Participants will become familiar with the history and purpose of the ASV Database, understand how to submit near miss reports to and access reports in the Database, and review lessons learned from a near miss case in the K – 12 education sector.

3:15 PM – 3:30PM BREAK

3:30PM – 5:00 PM Prevention and Preparation: Lessons Learned from Two National Tragedies

Michele Gay, Founder Safe and Sound Schools

Kristina Anderson, Koshka Foundation for Safe Schools

The school tragedies that occurred on the campuses of Virginia Tech and Sandy Hook Elementary have ignited local and national discussions of how we can better plan, respond and recover from mass trauma. These tragedies, along with numerous others, have also catalyzed the development and support of the threat assessment and management process within K-12 and higher education. Through the unique lens of two survivors and safety advocates, Kristina Anderson and Michele Gay illustrate the importance of prevention, preparedness, and promotion of a multi-disciplinary approach to keeping our students, teachers, parents and communities safe.

5:00PM DAY ONE CONCLUDES

DAY TWO

November 5, 2019

7:30 AM – 8:00 AM Coffee, Registration, and Participant Check-in

8:00AM – 12:00PM The Shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas (MSD) High School: An Overview of the Findings of the MSD Public Safety Commission

Sheriff Bob Gualtieri, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Largo, Florida

Established by the Florida Legislature to analyze the shooting at MSDHS and other mass- casualty incidents; recommend improvements in law enforcement, mental health and school safety. The MSDPSC produced a 400+ page initial report analyzing the law enforcement response to the shooting, the shooter's prior contact with law enforcement and mental health providers, and various school safety issues. The report included recommendations to improve each of these fields. Sheriff Gualtieri will provide an overview which will summarize the investigative findings and MSDPSC recommendations for improving the various systemic failures. Topics discussed will include background of K-12 active-assailant incidents, an overview of the MSDHS shooter and the shooting itself, 911 and radio communications, as well as law enforcement and emergency medical response to the shooting and school safety issues.

12:00 PM – 1:00PM LUNCH PROVIDED

1:00 PM – 3:00PM Threat Assessment and the Law: Importance of Information Sharing Between K12, Higher Ed, and the Community
Bradford King, Attorney, Sands Anderson PC
Barry Meek, Office of the Attorney General

During this presentation Mr. King and Mr. Meek will focus on the legal limitations that currently exist for sharing student information under FERPA, HIPPA and corresponding Virginia law, along with a primer on the legal authority for conducting threat assessments at both the K12 and higher education levels.

3:00 PM – 3:15PM BREAK

3:15PM – 5:00PM Your Questions Answered! A Panel Discussion on the Research, Policy, and Practice, Elements of Effective Threat Assessment and Management Processes, Why A Multi-Disciplinary Approach is Necessary, Responding to Low and Moderate Threats, Balancing Safety and Mental Health Concerns, Use of Electronic Devices to Manage Threats and Responses, and the Integration of Threats to Self and Threats to Others
Dr. Gene Deisinger, President, Deisinger Consulting, LLC
Dorian Van Horn, President, DC Chapter of the Association for Threat Assessment Professionals (DC-ATAP)
John Wyman, Unit Chief, BAU, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Jeffrey J. Nolan, Esq. Senior Consultant, Sigma Threat Management

5:00PM DAY TWO CONCLUDES

DAY THREE
November 6, 2019

7:30 AM – 8:00 AM Coffee, Registration, and Participant Check-in

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM **Community Behavioral Threat Assessment Teams: Why They are Needed for Effective School and Campus Teams**

Dave Okada, Principal, Safety and Threat Solutions, LLC

Dr. Gene Deisinger, President, Deisinger Consulting, LLC

9:30PM – 9:45PM BREAK

9:45AM – 12:00 PM **The Anatomy of a Mass Homicide Prosecution**

George Brauchler, District Attorney for Colorado's Eighteenth Judicial District

12:00PM CONFERENCE CONCLUDES

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