



## School Safety Audit Webinar

Online, 2:00PM – 3:00PM

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### UVA and DCJS Participants

#### ***Dr. Jennifer Maeng, University of Virginia, Curry School of Education***

Jennifer Maeng is a Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Curriculum, Instruction, and Special Education at the University of Virginia's Curry School of Education in Charlottesville, Virginia. She is currently the project director for two federally grant-funded projects, *Improvement of School Climate Assessment in Virginia Secondary Schools* and *Student Threat Assessment as a Safe and Supportive Prevention Strategy*, awarded to the Youth Violence Project, led by Dr. Dewey Cornell, at UVA. She also conducts research on teacher professional development and the school and classroom factors that support student achievement, including school climate and safety. As a former high school science teacher, she has a particular interest in school safety and climate as perceived and experienced by classroom teachers. She holds a Ph.D. in Science Education, a Masters in Teaching in Secondary Education (science), and a Bachelor's of Science in Chemistry, all from the University of Virginia.

#### ***Donna Michaelis, DCJS, Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety***

Donna Michaelis is the manager of the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety and Public Safety Training at the Department of Criminal Justice Services. She has been working in the area of school safety since 1985 when she began her career with the Chesterfield County Police Department as the county's first Child Safety Coordinator. Mrs. Michaelis assumed the responsibility of the newly legislated Center at DCJS when it was established in 2000 as a result of the Columbine tragedy. She is currently a manager within the Law Enforcement Division of DCJS overseeing Public Safety Training and the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety. In her role, she provides training, resources, and technical assistance to all schools, colleges and universities, and law enforcement agencies across the Commonwealth on issues related to school and campus safety and specialized law enforcement issues. Mrs. Michaelis is a graduate of the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA.

#### ***James Christian, DCJS, Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety***

James Christian is the K-12 School Safety Coordinator for the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety in the Law Enforcement Division of the Department of Criminal Justice Services. He collaborates with school divisions, law enforcement agencies, and numerous local, state and federal partners to improve school safety, provide technical assistance, and facilitate training across the Commonwealth. Prior to working at DCJS he served in several capacities in public education as an administrator of an alternative school, high school assistant principal, special education teacher, automotive technology teacher, and woodworking teacher. Prior to working in education he was a police officer. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Masters in Special Education, and an Ed.S. in School Administration and Leadership.

#### ***Shellie Evers, DCJS, Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety***

Shellie Evers currently serves as a School and Campus Safety Conference and Safety Audit Coordinator for the Department of Criminal Justice Services and the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety. She manages the legislatively mandated School Safety Audit which is an annual process for all 132 public Virginia divisions and all 2000 preK-12 public schools. The School Safety Audit is comprised of five key elements: the crisis management plan certification, the school safety inspection checklist, the school and division surveys, and certification of the School Safety Audit review process. Before coming to DCJS in 2012 Mrs. Evers spent 16 years in Hanover County Public Schools where she was responsible for emergency planning, facility use, energy conservation, as well as safety related training and sustainability. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business from Averett University and a Master's degree in Public Administration from Norwich University.

***Kristina Fawcett, DCJS, Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety***

Kristina Fawcett has been employed at DCJS since 2013. She serves as a program specialist in the Division of Law Enforcement's Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety and Public Safety Training unit. Ms. Fawcett provides administrative support and technical assistance for trainings and conferences, and is also responsible for program management and trainings related to Disability Awareness for Law Enforcement, Mental Health First Aid, and Suicide Prevention. She is a certified Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor.

***Nikki Wilcox, DCJS, Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety***

Nikki Wilcox began as the Climate Survey Specialist in 2019. Prior to working at DCJS she spent 12 years in Henrico County Public Schools where she served as a Safety and Crisis Coordinator as well as an Exceptional Education Teacher, Administrative Aide and Testing and Remediation Coordinator. Nikki served on the Chesterfield County Public Schools 2018 School Safety Task Force. She has a Bachelor's in Psychology and a Master's of School Counseling from Virginia Commonwealth University; an Ed.S. in School administration and supervision from Old Dominion University and a Doctorate in Educational leadership and Policy Studies from Virginia Tech.

***Gillian Wilson, DCJS, Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety***

Gillian Wilson is the Online Learning and Resource Development Coordinator for the Department of Criminal Justice Services. As part of the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety, she works to provide training, technical assistance, program development, resources, and policy direction to state and local government entities, all 132 Virginia public school divisions, state law enforcement personnel, and professional organizations. Prior to joining the DCJS, Gillian served in the K-12 school setting for Hanover and Chesterfield County Public Schools.