



# 2021 VIRGINIA SCHOOL SAFETY TRAINING FORUM

*Ensuring Safe Schools While Navigating Today's Challenges:  
The Same Storm, Different Boats*

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Dear School Safety Leader:

On behalf of Governor Ralph Northam, the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, Brian Moran, the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, and the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the **2021 School Safety Training Forum: *Ensuring Safe Schools While Navigating Today's Challenges: The Same Storm, Different Boats.***

This year's theme illustrates that although we were impacted and are still recovering from the same storm, a global Pandemic, we all find ourselves in different boats – whether dealing with financial, emotional, or family and health-related circumstances. Your attendance here indicates a desire to move forward in the aftermath and recovery, and to support others in their efforts. We are committed to partnering with you in those efforts and to highlighting ways to thrive in today's world.

Bringing together professionals from a broad range of disciplines and backgrounds to focus on the safety and security of Virginia's school systems in this way is imperative. Your fellow participants – over 700 attendees from the fields of law enforcement, PreK-12 division and school administration, mental health, and counseling – are joining us virtually and in person. My personal challenge to you is to connect with at least five new people during the conference. It is through new ideas and connections that we can move the needle forward in each of our respective areas.

My colleagues and I are truly grateful to you for being here and for the ongoing work you do. We are honored to partner with the Virginia Department of Education, the Office of the Attorney General, and the D.A.R.E. Association to bring you this opportunity. We also appreciate the presenters who have lent their time and expertise to ensure that the next several days are time well spent.

No matter which "boat" you find currently find yourself in – we stand ready to support you and your efforts at making schools safer for all students. Enjoy the conference!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shannon Dion".

Shannon Dion

# AGENDA || DAY ONE – TUESDAY (7/27/21)

8:00–8:30 AM Grand Ballrooms ABCDEFG	<b>Presentation of Colors</b> Hampton Honor Guard <b>Pledge of Allegiance</b> <b>National Anthem</b> Sandra Sylvester, <i>National Anthem Singer</i> <b>Welcome and Opening</b> Donna Michaelis, <i>Division Director, Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety, Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services</i> Shannon Dion, <i>Agency Director, Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services</i> The Honorable Brian Moran, <i>Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, Commonwealth of Virginia</i> The Honorable Atif Qarni, <i>Secretary of Education, Commonwealth of Virginia</i>
8:30–9:30 AM Grand Ballrooms ABCDEFG	<b>Permission to Feel: The Power of Emotional Intelligence to Achieve Well-Being and Success</b> Marc Brackett, Ed.D, <i>Research Psychologist and Founding Director, Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, New Haven, Connecticut</i> Emotions influence learning, decision-making, relationships, physical and mental health, creativity, and performance. But it is our wise use of emotion that's especially important. In this keynote, Dr. Brackett will describe recent large-scale studies on the emotional lives of children and adults; share his Center's model of emotional intelligence; describe RULER, the systemic, evidence-based approach to social and emotional learning developed at Yale that has been adopted by over 3,000 schools around the globe; and teach participants tools to develop emotional intelligence to enhance personal and professional success.
9:30–9:45 AM	<b>Break</b>
9:45–10:45 AM Grand Ballrooms ABCDEFG	<b>Randy &amp; Me: A Prosecutor's Story of His Childhood Sexual Abuse</b> Kevin Mulcahy, <i>Assistant U.S. Attorney, Detroit, Michigan</i> This presentation will recount Kevin Mulcahy's own story of sexual exploitation at the hands of his soccer coach, Randy. But, it will not be merely a retelling of the past. Instead, the presentation will address lessons learned from his case by combining Mr. Mulcahy's experience both as a victim and a long-time prosecutor of child exploitation cases. Knowing what he knows now, Mr. Mulcahy believes there are lessons to be learned from his story for the investigator (his was great), the prosecutor (his was terrible), and the forensic interviewer (he did not have one). Beyond these (hopefully) useful lessons, the presentation will provide plenty of time for questions from attendees. Given the nature of our work, we don't often get to ask questions (beyond factual questions) of our child victims. This presentation will provide that opportunity.
10:45–11:00 AM	<b>Break</b>
11:00 AM–12:00 PM Grand Ballrooms ABCDEFG	<b>It's Always About the Children: Bringing Your Whole Self to the Profession</b> Charles Barrett, Ph.D, NCSP, <i>President, CAB Publishing</i> Dr. Charles Barrett often says, "teachers are special people who take care of other people's children as if they were their own." Given the myriad challenges facing all who work with children – principals, administrators, school counselors, school social workers, school psychologists, and law enforcement officials – more than ever before, everyone needs encouragement. Using personal experiences as a child with a stutter, and anecdotes that inform his teaching and clinical practice, Dr. Barrett will inspire and motivate attendees to view their respective roles serving children through the lens of purpose, which leads to passion, and ultimately unlocks the potential of young people. Embedded within the session will be the significance of social justice to all aspects of education and the critical importance of developing relationships with students, families, and communities to promote positive and equitable outcomes for all children.
12:00–1:00 PM Exhibit Hall A	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00–3:00 PM Grand Ballrooms ABCDEFG	<b>High In Plain Sight: Current Drug Trends and Identifiers</b> Jermaine Galloway, <i>President, J Chad Professional Services, LLC, Prosper, Texas</i> Officer Galloway tailors each training to the community that he teaches in, and this will be no exception. He will provide information and visual aids for current youth drug and alcohol trends. Items used to conceal drugs or other paraphernalia will also be discussed.

## AGENDA || DAY ONE – TUESDAY (7/27/21) *Continued*

3:00–3:15 PM	<b>Break</b>
3:15–4:30 PM Grand Ballrooms ABCDEFG	<b>The Critical Foundations of Resilience</b> Michael Murphy, Ph.D., <i>Police Chief/Coroner (Retired), Clark County, Nevada</i> Who is taking care of you while you're taking care of others? Dr. Murphy will discuss ways you can improve your emotional health, while creating resiliency to the challenges each of us face personally and professionally.
4:30 PM	<b>Day One Concludes</b>

## AGENDA || DAY TWO – WEDNESDAY (7/28/21)

8:00–8:15 AM Grand Ballrooms ABCDEFG	<b>D.A.R.E. Awards</b> Virginia D.A.R.E. Association Board
8:15–8:30 AM Grand Ballrooms ABCDEFG	<b>Day Two Welcome</b> Donna Michaelis, <i>Division Director, Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety, Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services</i> James F. Lane, Ph.D., <i>Superintendent of Public Instruction, Virginia Department of Education, Commonwealth of Virginia</i>
8:30–9:30 AM Grand Ballrooms ABCDEFG	<b>Understanding and Supporting Transgender and Gender Diverse Students in Schools</b> Todd A. Savage, Ph.D., <i>Professor, School Psychology, University of Wisconsin–River Falls</i> Some of the challenges faced by gender diverse youths in schools will be outlined in this keynote. Children and adolescents spend a great deal of their time in schools. As microcosms of the larger society in which they are embedded, schools recreate and enforce the heterosexist, sexist, homophobic, and transphobic characteristics of the larger culture. Those students with emerging or declared transgender, or gender diverse identities are, thus, particularly vulnerable to the impact of transphobic attitudes and the potential resulting violence present in the school setting. Therefore, it is imperative school personnel, including administrators, teachers, school psychologists, and school counselors, as well as law enforcement working in schools, become aware of how bias and discrimination against gender diverse persons are present in schools and what they can do to create and maintain safe and responsive schools for this student population.
9:30–9:45 AM	<b>Break</b>
9:45–10:45 AM Grand Ballrooms ABCDEFG	<b>My Ascension</b> Emma Benoit, <i>Motivational Speaker and 2018 Graduate of Dutchtown High School, Geismar, Louisiana</i> Ms. Emma Benoit became extremely passionate about suicide prevention after surviving a suicide attempt in 2017, the summer before her senior year in high school. At the time, she was a popular varsity cheerleader with a supportive family and lots of friends, but on the inside, she was filled with depression and anxiety, and had never told a soul about it. Her attempt resulted in a spinal cord injury that left her paralyzed, but helped her find faith and purpose; and propelled her on a mission to use her painful experience and miraculous recovery to help others.
10:45–11:00 AM	<b>Break</b>
11:00 AM–12:00 PM Grand Ballrooms ABCDEFG	<b>Legal Aspects of School Safety</b> Elliott Casey, <i>Staff Attorney, Virginia Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council</i> Mr. Elliott Casey will discuss legal updates regarding the law of use of force in Virginia, including new cases from the Federal Courts regarding use of force in school, cases involving juveniles, and cases involving active threats to public safety. The presentation will focus on new statutes but will also examine the debate regarding qualified immunity, with respect to law enforcement decisions to use force and situations where law enforcement may face violence at a school. His strategic approach provides guidelines, coupled with key elements of Federal and Virginia law, with the goal of enhancing the ability of school and police personnel to better respond to legal issues within the school environment and beyond.

## AGENDA || DAY TWO– WEDNESDAY (7/28/21) *Continued*

12:00–1:00 PM Exhibit Hall A	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00–3:00 PM	<b>10 Things You Need to Know About Kids</b> Jim Harris, Ed.D., <i>President, OCS Helps, Chesapeake, Ohio</i> Get ready to laugh and learn as Dr. Jim Harris brings some of the most important developmental principles alive with his down to earth presentation style. Dr. Harris will focus on some of the most common misconceptions people have about children and talk about how they affect our ability to intervene effectively. He will pay specific attention to the core developmental needs of children and how they relate to challenging behavior. He will also explore how to strategically approach challenging behavior with children from an instructional perspective.
3:00–3:15 PM	<b>Break</b>
3:15–4:30 PM Grand Ballrooms ABCDEFG	<b>Schools, the Community, and Law Enforcement – Partnering to Ensure Safe Schools</b> Ryan Tillman, <i>Mentor and Police Officer, Breaking Barriers United, Chino, California</i> Mr. Ryan Tillman never imagined becoming a police officer. In fact, he had negative interactions with police both directly and indirectly growing up. This grew into a distrust of law enforcement, which later manifested into his calling. Recognizing that the future lies in the hands of our youth, Mr. Tillman's goal is to openly address current issues between law enforcement and the communities they serve, with a transparent approach. This keynote will explore and inspire relationship building and mentoring in support of safer school environments.
4:30 PM	<b>Day Two Concludes</b>

## AGENDA || DAY THREE – THURSDAY (7/29/21)

8:30–9:45 AM Grand Ballrooms ABCDEFG	<b>What Makes a Good School Resource Officer?</b> Mo Canady, <i>Executive Director, National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO), Hoover, Alabama</i> Even before 2020, the job of a school resource officer was not an easy one. However, a successful SRO also experiences rich rewards, from building relationships to being part of a team and a process that creates an environment for positive change. SROs develop meaningful relationships across the campus community, from students to teachers and administrators to parents and extended families. A good SRO becomes a bulwark of that school community.
9:45–10:00 AM	<b>Break</b>
10:00 AM–12:00 PM Grand Ballrooms ABCDEFG	<b>From Sandy Hook to Aurora, Colorado to COVID-19: Lessons Learned in Crisis</b> Carly Posey, <i>Mission Director, "I Love U Guys" Foundation, Conifer, Colorado</i> Carly Posey offers her heartbreaking story of what happened inside Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012. Ms. Posey links the current COVID-19 crisis by sharing steps on ways to reassemble the school community, secure trust, and feelings of safety.
	<b>Dark Knight</b> Jordan Murphy, <i>Musician, Mentor, Conifer, Colorado</i> Jordan Murphy shares the story of his fateful night in theater number nine of the Aurora Century 16 Movie Theater on July 20, 2012. Even more importantly, he shares details of his tumultuous path to recovery and provides his retrospective advice for victims and survivors of senseless gun violence. Through a psychological and practical lens, he seeks to discuss the importance of mental health maintenance and proper coping strategies for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Mr. Murphy hopes that his experience, specifically in the aftermath of the event, can serve as motivation for future and current survivors to get the proper help they need and deserve. His personal story – and how it intertwines with Carly Posey's will inspire and encourage participants.
12:00 PM Grand Ballrooms ABCDEFG	<b>Conference Wrap Up</b> Donna Michaelis, <i>Division Director, Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety, Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services</i>

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August 2–3, 2021	<b>Current Topics in School and Campus Safety: In-service for Campus and School Security Officers</b>	<i>Tidewater Community College, Virginia Beach, Virginia</i>
August 6, 2021	<b>Basic Control Tactics for Campus Security Officers</b>	<i>Virginia Tech Police Department, Blacksburg, Virginia</i>
August 10, 2021	<b>School Security Directors Virtual Roundtable</b>	<i>Online</i>
August 10, 2021	<b>Virginia SRO Connect Webinar</b>	<i>Online</i>
August 16–17, 2021	<b>Campus Threat Assessment Team Training</b>	<i>Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia</i>
August 16–20, 2021	<b>School Resource Officer and School Administrator Basic Course</b>	<i>University of Mary Washington – Stafford Campus, Fredericksburg, Virginia</i>
August 18–19, 2021	<b>Virginia Campus Security Officer (CSO) Certification Training</b>	<i>Virginia State University, Petersburg, Virginia</i>
August 24, 2021	<b>K-12 Behavioral Threat Assessment Basic Training – VIRTUAL</b>	<i>Online</i>
August 25–26, 2021	<b>School Security Officer Initial Certification Training</b>	<i>Roanoke, Virginia</i>
September 8–9, 2021	<b>School Security Officer Initial Certification Training</b>	<i>Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy, Ashburn, Virginia</i>
September 20–22, 2021	<b>Managing Critical Incidents for Higher Education Institutions: A Multi-Disciplinary, Community Approach</b>	<i>Radford University, Radford, Virginia</i>
September 20–24, 2021	<b>School Resource Officer and School Administrator Basic Course</b>	<i>Skyline Regional Criminal Justice Academy, Middletown, Virginia</i>
October 7–8, 2021	<b>Campus Threat Assessment Team Training</b>	<i>University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, Virginia</i>
October 12–14, 2021	<b>2021 National Threat Assessment Conference for Educational Institutions</b>	<i>Virginia Beach Convention Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia</i>
October 18–22, 2021	<b>School Resource Officer and School Administrator Basic Course</b>	<i>Roanoke Police Academy, Roanoke, Virginia</i>
October 12–14, 2021	<b>2021 National Threat Assessment Conference for Educational Institutions</b>	<i>Virginia Beach Convention Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia</i>
November 1–5, 2021	<b>School Resource Officer and School Administrator Basic Course</b>	<i>Virginia Beach Fire Training Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia</i>
November 9, 2021	<b>School Security Directors Virtual Roundtable</b>	<i>Online</i>
November 9, 2021	<b>Virginia SRO Connect Webinar</b>	<i>Online</i>
December 6–9, 2021	<b>2021 Campus Safety and Violence Prevention Forum (registration fee \$125)</b>	<i>Norfolk Waterside Marriott, Norfolk, Virginia</i>
December 15–16, 2021	<b>School Security Officer Initial Certification Training</b>	<i>Hampton Roads, Virginia</i>

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