



K-12 Threat Assessment Webinar

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PRESENTERS

Elizabeth Bell

Betsy joined the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety as a Threat Assessment Program Coordinator in 2019. Before coming to The Center, Betsy was a school counselor and counseling director, teacher, and administrator. She has served on Crisis Response teams and Threat Assessment teams throughout her career. She received her B.S.Ed from the University of Virginia, her M.Ed from George Mason University in Counseling and Development, and her Ed.D (currently ABD) in Education Planning, Policy, and Leadership from The College of William & Mary.

Gene Deisinger

Dr. Gene Deisinger is President of Deisinger Consulting, LLC, a professional services firm specializing in protective intelligence and behavioral threat assessment & management services for an international base of clients. Dr. Deisinger, in collaboration with a network of experienced and expert practitioners, provides a range of services including:

- executive consultation regarding strategic approaches to violence prevention,
- training for threat management practitioners,
- engagement and awareness building for organizations, and
- case consultation to support acute risk mitigation and continuity of operations.

As an internationally recognized threat management practitioner with over 25 years of experience, Dr. Deisinger helps organizations to enhance policy, processes, and practices to identify, assess, & manage situations that may pose a threat of violence or significant disruption to continuity of operations. His work has helped many organizations build comprehensive and collaborative processes, enhance practices incorporating relevant and contemporary standards, mitigate risk for violence, and enhance the safety and well-being of their organizations.

Dr. Deisinger serves a wide range of clients in business, technology, education, healthcare, media, government, military, law enforcement, faith communities, non-profit organizations, and security & protective service organizations.

Dr. Deisinger earned his doctorate in psychology from Iowa State University. He is a licensed psychologist, a certified health service provider in psychology, and, until his retirement, a certified law enforcement officer. Until his retirement from government service, Dr. Deisinger served as Deputy Chief of Police & Director of Threat Management for Virginia Tech, positions to which he had been recruited following the mass-casualty incident there in 2007.

Shellie Evers

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.

Brad Stang

Brad Stang began as a Threat Assessment Program Coordinator in 2019. Prior to joining DCJS, he spent 22 years in public education, 10 as a middle school social studies teacher and 12 as an administrator. Brad spent his last five years in education as a middle school principal. During his time as a teacher and administrator, he has served on and led Crisis Management and Threat Assessment Teams throughout his career. He received his B.S. in Secondary Social Studies Education from the University of Central Florida as well an M. Ed. in Educational Leadership from Virginia Commonwealth University.