



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Understanding & Preventing Targeted Violence through Comprehensive Incident Management

**October 18, 2022
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

WEBINAR

Program Summary

Targeted violence, a term originally coined by behavioral scientists of the U.S. Secret Service, refers to situations in which an individual intentionally commits an act of violence against preselected targets, whether people or places. These acts are potentially foreseeable, as they are the result of an understandable, evolving, and often discernable process of thinking, behavior, and preparation. According to the FBI, lone actors on a pathway toward violence typically display four to five observable, concerning behaviors that may aid in the early identification of at-risk individuals. Behavior and communication have consistently been determined to be the best pre-incident risk indicators to help identify and stop a would-be attacker. Every organization is vulnerable to violence; no type of setting or geographic location is immune from this risk. The targeted violence threat is a dynamic, multifaceted problem that requires a multidimensional approach to prevention, response, and recovery. Case studies have indicated that bad actors often begin planning and preparing for an attack weeks, months, and sometimes years in advance. This program will explore established and emerging behavioral risk indicators that may provide an opportunity to “*off-ramp*” an individual progressing along the pathway to violence. The presenter will also discuss the duty to warn and protect. New research and case examples will help keep attendees up to date in the best practices around active shooter/active assailant prevention and response.

Eligibility

This program is open to all employees in the Department of Law and Public Safety and assistant county prosecutors.

Faculty

Steve Crimando is the Director of Training for the Disaster & Terrorism Branch of the New Jersey Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services in the Department of Human Services. He is a Certified Threat Manager with the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals, a Certified Master Trainer for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security National Threat Evaluation and Reporting program, and a Board Certified Expert in Traumatic Stress. Mr. Crimando was deployed to the 9/11 and 1993 World Trade Center attacks, New Jersey's anthrax screening center, and many other incidents of mass violence and terrorism. He is a published author who is frequently called upon by the media and the courts as an expert in violence prevention and response. He provides training and support to law enforcement, intelligence and military organizations, as well as NGO's, such as the United Nations-Operational Support-Special Situations Unit. Mr. Crimando holds a dual-major B.S. in Human Development and Communications from Syracuse University and an M.A in Clinical Psychology from Fairleigh Dickinson University, followed by additional postgraduate studies in clinical psychology at Seton Hall University.

CLE Credit

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Registration

Those who are eligible to apply should use the Zoom Webinar registration link in the Program Announcement email. Students who are registered will receive a confirmation email with a link to access the program.

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