Trainings to Prevent Targeted Violence

July 30, 2024



This August, Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) will host two presentations on **preventing targeted violence.** Both of these are virtual, no-cost, and open to a multi-disciplinary audience including:

- Sworn Law Enforcement (Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial)
- Direct Law Enforcement Support Personnel
- School Staff (Administrators, Principals, Vice Principals, Non-Sworn School Resource Officers, Guidance Counselors, Teachers/Professors)
- House of Worship Staff (Clergy, Administrative Personnel, Security Team Members)
- Mental Health Professionals (clinicians, Social Workers, Psychologists, Psychiatrists)
- Hospital Administrative/Security Staff
- Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP) Members
- Federal Employees (.gov email addresses)
- State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Government Employees

Introduction to Threat Assessment and Threat Management

Monday, August 12, 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM (Eastern) AND Tuesday, August 13 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM (Eastern)

Session one (August 12) provides an overview of basic threat assessment theories and concepts. This session describes current research-based models of threat assessment, which focus on identifying opportunities for intervention based on observable factors and behaviors that may indicate a person of concern is at risk of committing targeted violence. Research, reading and resources for team member will also be discussed.

Session two (August 13) provides an overview of basic threat management theories and concepts. This session focuses on intervention and managing behaviors of people of concern through the public health perspective to prevent targeted violence. Research, reading and resources for team member will also be discussed.

See attached flyer and register at

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Targeted Violence Prevention: Grievance and Mass Violence

Thursday, August 22, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM (Eastern)

Mass violence is a major public health issue in the United States. Targets include schools, entertainment venues, public spaces, and workplaces. Victims range from students, teachers, concertgoers, and bar patrons to government employees. Although it may initially seem spontaneous and random, mass violence is purposeful, planned, and predatory. Most attackers plan mass violence for days, weeks, months or even years, and they follow a discernable trajectory toward violence. This trajectory toward violence is called the Pathway to Violence. This presentation will summarize the steps on the Pathway to Violence and focus on the first step, grievance, to explain why attackers "step foot" on the pathway and ultimately commit mass violence. The presentation will continue by reviewing research related to the grievance phase of the Pathway and presenting case examples where attackers' grievances

have been identified.

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If you have any questions or need more information, please reach out to erin.langill@fletc.dhs.gov.

Attachments

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