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Preventing School Shootings

Trainings for Professionals

Trainings are tailored to each particular audience and are relevant for professionals in law enforcement, mental health, and all levels of education. A typical training covers the following material:

Understanding School Shooters and Their Attacks

- The first section of the training addresses common misconceptions about school shooters and the factors that cause their attacks.
- We explore the differences among school shooters based on their population, attack type, and psychological characteristics.
- We then examine frequent patterns involving personal, family, and school-related incidents and issues.

Threat Assessment: Knowing the Warning Signs

- Threat assessment, which is designed to prevent attacks, is distinguished from emergency response (lockdown), which is designed to minimize casualties from an attack.
- We review warning signs of potential violence, including threats, leakage, and attack-related behaviors.
- The final section is an interactive process in which the attendees are given examples of student writings and discuss their reactions, including what steps they would take to respond to a potential risk.

Trainings are available in half-day or full-day formats. The program cost varies depending on length, travel distance, and other factors.

Dr. Langman has been hired by the Department of Homeland Security to provide trainings, and has been invited to speak at the FBI National Academy. He was the keynote speaker for the National Association of School Safety and Law Enforcement Officers, and for the National Behavioral Intervention Team Association. He is the author of *Why Kids Kill: Inside the Minds of School Shooters*, and *School Shooters: Understanding High School, College, and Adult Perpetrators*. Dr. Langman's research has been cited in congressional testimony on Capitol Hill and by thousands of news outlets. He has been interviewed by the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *The Today Show*, CBS, 20/20, Fox, CNN, the BBC, and over 250 other news outlets in the U.S., Canada, Europe, Asia, Australia, and the Middle East. After the Sandy Hook attack, his recommendations on school safety were presented to President Obama by the CEO of the American Psychological Association. Dr. Langman maintains **School Shooters .info**, the largest online resource on school shooters.

Dr. Langman's presentations were well received and provided our community and school personnel with facts and suggestions related to school shootings and prevention that were timely and informative. Dr. Langman's research related to *Why Kids Kill* left us with a knowledge base and understanding that will assist us as we work with our students in the future.

Dr. Jill Janes

Superintendent of Schools, Hannibal, MO

Dr. Peter Langman has studied and described the psychology of school shooters as deeply as anyone in our country ... For any organization that wants its employees and community to more fully understand the psychological conditions of potential school shooters, Dr. Langman's presentation and perspective will facilitate a more grounded and thorough understanding of this unfortunate phenomenon.

Dr. Joseph B. Moore

President, Lesley University

Dr. Langman's information was clear and concise ... Few who study school shootings have delved as deep as Langman into the often murky and troubled minds of these predators.

Samantha Dutil

Associate Executive Director, National Behavioral Intervention Team Association

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