

PREPARING YOUR SCHOOL FOR THE UNTHINKABLE:

A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO SCHOOL SAFETY

A symposium jointly sponsored by the Monmouth University School of Education, School of Social Work, and the Department of Criminal Justice.

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9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

ANACON HALL IN THE REBECCA STAFFORD STUDENT CENTER

Gain experience in identifying and preventing threats to the safety of the school community by working with your team on real world scenarios to answer three key questions

- What is a threat?
- How do we balance freedom and security?
- How can we reduce threats by addressing mental health?

The symposium will benefit

- Teachers
- Guidance counselors
- School Resource Officers
- Administrators
- Law Enforcement Officers
- Social Workers

Symposium speakers from the Department of Education, the New Jersey Center for School Safety, Monmouth University, and private business will share the most current approaches to increasing school safety.

John Comiskey, Ed.D

Dr. John Comiskey is an Assistant Professor of Homeland Security at Monmouth University in West Long Branch, New Jersey. He teaches courses in homeland security, intelligence, terrorism, and criminal justice. Dr. Comiskey is a retired New York City Police Lieutenant and a retired U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Senior Chief Petty Officer. His professional experiences include law enforcement, intelligence, counterterrorism, hazardous material detection and response, and event and crisis management.

Thomas Gambino, Ed.D and Jeff Gale

Since 2015 the Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning staff has observed over 850 unannounced school security drills to offer educational leaders, school staff and security / law enforcement officers in improving school drilling and response procedures. In addition, the office staff serves as the leading training agency in the State for New Jersey on school security and preparedness; training and providing guidance to over 10,000 personnel members.

Patrick Kissane

Patrick Kissane is the Deputy Chief of Police for the Fort Lee Police Department and the Executive Director for the New Jersey Center for School Safety. He is also the designated Counter-Terrorism Coordinator for the Borough of Fort Lee. He has over 26 years of experience in public safety and is recognized as an expert in school safety and school related policing.

Michelle Scott, Ph.D

Michelle Scott, MSW, Ph.D. currently, is an Associate Professor in the School of Social Work and Director of the SRF Suicide Prevention Research and Training Project. Her research career has focused on suicide prevention of youth and young adults. Her book, Helping Students at Risk for Suicide, takes a whole school approach to suicide prevention, intervention and postvention. At the state level, Dr. Scott serves as the Chair for New Jersey's Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Council.

Michael E. Zagury

Michael E. Zagury, MPA is the principal officer of MJZagury & Associates, LLC a Risk and Resource Management consulting firm. His background includes a 35+ years public service career with experience in police, fire and emergency medical services. Mike has developed a diverse array of training programs, involving intimate workplace violence reduction, police response to individuals with special needs, crisis intervention and critical incident preparedness, response and recovery.

Registration opens September 24th. More information to follow.

The symposium is \$20 per person, with an additional \$78 per person for 5 non-clinical social work CEU's. Lunch and materials are included.

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