



The Erie County Law Enforcement Foundation

presents the

Safe Places Seminar

Buffalo Niagara Marriott
Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023
8:30am – 1:00pm

Preventing Targeted Violence and other Threats in Public Spaces

FOR: Law Enforcement, Schools, Businesses/Workplaces, Houses of Worship, Military Bases, Nonprofit Service Agencies, Public Transportation and Open Spaces

In this seminar you will learn that targeted violence is preventable when communities are equipped with the appropriate tools, training, and resources to intervene before violence occurs. Adopting a community level behavioral threat assessment approach to be able to observe and pro-actively respond to concerning behaviors can prevent tragedies. A review of safety reporting programs will be conducted which will empower those working in organizations to respond appropriately to abnormal and aberrant behaviors exhibited by persons in their spaces.

You will also learn about how you can partner with safety stakeholders in government and the public & private sectors to help increase your security and resilience across a number of other vulnerable fronts. Public-facing businesses and organizations will be especially encouraged to facilitate bystander reporting and be prepared to respond when reports of concern are received, not waiting for direct or specific threats to be made before taking action.

Schedule

7:45 - 8:30am *Sign-in & Registration*

8:30 - 8:50am **Welcoming Remarks & Program/Speaker Introductions**

8:50 - 10:30am **Mass Attacks in Public Spaces: 2016-2020**



This presentation will pull from a 25-year history of targeted violence research by the USSS National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC) to provide a proactive **Behavioral Threat Assessment** approach that reveals how mass attackers display a range of observable concerning behaviors across a variety of community systems as they escalate toward violence. NTAC's examination of these attacks indicate that **targeted violence is preventable when communities are equipped with the appropriate tools, training, and resources** to intervene before violence occurs.

10:30 - 11:15am **Vendor Fair with Coffee Service**

Businesses and organizations who provide goods and services to enhance safety from violence, cyber-attacks and other forms of threat will be available to provide information about their respective capabilities, services and proficiencies.

11:15 - 12:30pm **Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)**



CISA leads the national effort to understand, manage, and reduce risk to our cyber and physical infrastructure. CISA works with partners including small and medium businesses to defend against today's threats and collaborates to build a more secure and resilient infrastructure for the future. CISA security advisors will explain the types of assistance CISA lends to small and medium businesses to protect their people, their assets, and their information systems.

12:30 - 1:00pm **Vendor Fair, cont.**

1:00pm **OVER**

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