

PREPARING FOR THE UNTHINKABLE:

AN INTERPROFESSIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON SCHOOL SAFETY

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2019
MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY
10:00 AM – 2:30 PM
POLLAK THEATRE

This symposium will benefit future teachers, guidance counselors, speech language pathologists, school psychologists, law enforcement officers, and social workers by showing you how to identify, respond to and follow up on threats to the school community.

Alex Vargas

Lieutenant Alex Vargas is currently the Adjutant to the Deputy Chief of Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau for the Los Angeles Police Department. His previous assignment includes a fellowship to the F.B.I Counter Terrorism Division; Joint Terrorism Task Force; Los Angeles Joint Regional Intelligence Center, Anti-Terrorism Intelligence Section; Threat Management Unit; Homicide; Domestic Violence; Sexual Assault; Mental Evaluation Unit's System-wide Mental Assessment Response Team and Patrol. He possesses a Masters of Arts in Security Studies from the Naval Postgraduate School. He has presented on issues related to terrorism, the radicalization process, homegrown violent extremist, workplace/school-place violence, and stalking.

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 currently the Director of School Safety and Security for the Edison Township Public Schools, the 5th largest school district in the state of New Jersey. Mr. Kissane is the Executive Director of the New Jersey Association of School Resource Officers; an advisory board member of the National Association of Campus Safety Administrators; a member of the New Jersey K-12 School Security Task Force; a member of the New Jersey Law Enforcement Education Working Group; and a member of the School Security Committee of the New Jersey School Boards Association. Patrick Kissane has received numerous awards including certificates of commendation, a Unit Citation, two Meritorious Service Medals, 9/11 Service Award, and a Unit Citation for Valor.

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, counter terrorism, hazardous material detection and response, and event and crisis management.

Michael Cronin, Ph.D., LCS

Dr. Cronin earned his M.S. at Columbia University and his Ph.D. from Yeshiva University. His research interests and publications are in international social work, disaster management, social gerontology, international humanitarian law, cultural competence and diversity. He is a volunteer with the American Red Cross in Greater New York.

Online registration is available at this link:

<https://www.monmouth.edu/school-of-education/pubs-events/school-safety-symposium/>

Lunch is included.

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