

SCHOOL SAFETY —SUMMIT—



MARCH 27, 2025 | 8:00 A.M.-3:30 P.M. | PSBA HEADQUARTERS

agenda

- 8:00 - 8:50 a.m. PennSSI tour and demonstrations
- 8:00 - 8:50 a.m. Check-in/registration and light breakfast
- 8:50 - 9:00 a.m. Welcome and opening remarks
- 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. **Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Updates**
Presenter: Heather Masshardt, Deputy Director of School Safety
- 9:45 - 10:30 a.m. **Student Panel: Transforming Challenges into Empowerment**
- 10:30 - 10:45 a.m. Energy Break
- 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. **Enhancing School Safety Using a Threat Assessment Model**
Presenter: Michael Kapuscinski, Domestic Security Strategist, National Threat Assessment Center, United States Secret Service
- For over 20 years, the U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC) has conducted research on the thinking and behaviors of those who commit acts of targeted school violence in an effort to prevent future tragedies. Key findings from this research indicate that establishing multidisciplinary threat assessment teams and encouraging school communities to report concerning behaviors are critical steps in the prevention of targeted violence. This presentation will highlight past incidents as well as relevant findings and recommendations from NTAC's latest research on targeted school violence and interrupted school plots in the United States. It will also focus on how communities can use a multidisciplinary approach to identify, assess and intervene with students exhibiting concerning or threatening behaviors as early as possible.
- 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Break for lunch and networking

12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

Enhancing School Safety and Security: Understanding Anonymized Threats and Improving Physical Security to Protect K-12 Communities

Presenter: Andrew Dominic, Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Infrastructure Security Division, School Safety Task Force

Join a representative from the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) School Safety Task Force to explore evidence-based practices to address the evolving security risks that K-12 schools face. Presenter Andrew Dominic will share research-informed strategies that enhance safe and supportive learning environments through collaborative, holistic and actionable approaches to reducing violence. This session will focus on what can be done at both the school and state level to prepare for potential and anonymous threats of violence, and how to address them when reported. The conversation will include a discussion involving the best practices for strengthening K-12 physical security across school grounds. This session will also provide resources, guidance and evidence-based practices available from the federal government for a range of school safety topics to promote a supportive school environment.

1:15 - 2:00 p.m.

Digital Safety and Legal Challenges: Protecting Students Online

Presenter: Seán M. McCormack, Cumberland County District Attorney

2:00 - 2:15 p.m.

Energy break

2:15 - 3:15 p.m.

School Attacks: Stereotypes, Warning Signs and Barriers to Action

Presenter: Dr. Peter Langman, psychologist/author whose research on school shooters has received international recognition; Director of Research and School Safety Training at Drift Net

This presentation challenges common stereotypes and instead provides insights on warning signs gleaned from actual school attacks. Participants will also review barriers to action during past incidents and how to overcome them, and learn insider references from social media posts and other past communications by school shooters.

3:15 - 3:20 p.m.

Closing remarks

3:20 - 4:00 p.m.

PennSSI tour and demonstrations