

DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT:

Identifying Potential School Shooters - Peter Langman, Ph.D.

See below for Location/Time.

Description:

Refuting common misconceptions about school shooters, this training will present information on different types of perpetrators and different types of attacks. It will examine what was going on in the shooters' minds and in their life circumstances that put them on the path of violence, as well as the warning signs and pre-attack behaviors that signaled their risk of committing a school shooting. Writing samples by students will be reviewed and discussed as an exercise in detecting warning signs. In addition, information will be presented regarding the on-scene behavior of school shooters so that first responders will be aware of the many variations in rampage attacks and what they might encounter when they arrive.

Presenter's Biography

Peter Langman, Ph.D., is a psychologist whose work on school shooters has gained international recognition. His book, *School Shooters: Understanding High School, College, and Adult Perpetrators*, was published in 2015. His previous book, *Why Kids Kill: Inside the Minds of School Shooters*, was named an Outstanding Academic Title by the American Library Association and was translated into German, Dutch, and Finnish. Dr. Langman's research has been cited in congressional testimony on Capitol Hill. He has been interviewed 250 times, including by The New York Times, CBS, ABC, MSNBC, CNN, Fox, the BBC, The Today Show, 20/20, NPR, and other news outlets in the USA, Canada, Europe, Asia, Australia, and the Middle East. In 2013, he served on Pennsylvania's Joint State Government's Advisory Committee on Violence Prevention. After the Sandy Hook attack, his recommendations on school safety were presented to President Obama by the CEO of the American Psychological Association. He maintains the website, schoolshooters.info, which is both a searchable database on school shooters as well as a library of over three hundred documents relating to school shootings.

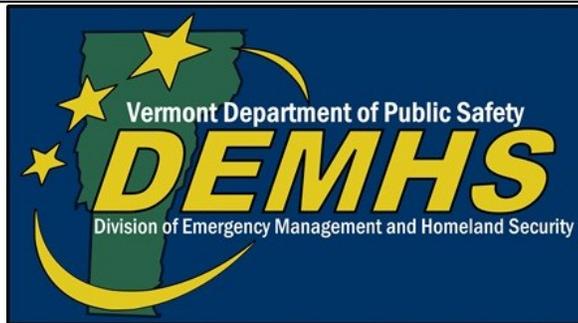
Target Audience:

Public health personnel, military forces, mental health providers, school officials. Also first responders (firefighters, police officers, emergency medical services providers).

Prerequisites: NONE

Registration Deadline: 2 weeks prior to course

Number of openings: 60



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Notes:

- Participants who attend all hours required of this course and successfully will receive a Certificate of Attendance.
- Late registrations may be accepted on a case-by-case basis.

Cost:

- There is NO cost to attend this course.
- Lodging, meals and travel are the responsibility of the participant.

Upcoming Dates:

When: May 3, 2016.

Where: Vermont Army National Guard, Army Aviation Center, AASF, 141 Shamrock Road, South Burlington, VT.

Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm.

When: May 4, 2016

Where: Vermont Technical College, Judd Hull, Randolph, VT.

Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm.

To Register:

1. **Complete the DEMHS General Registration form**
2. **Email to the Homeland Security Training Coordinator at DPS.EMHSTraining@vermont.gov.**