

The Impact of Active Shooter Drills on Student Health and Wellbeing - Meeting 2

Speaker Biographical Sketches

Kevin Armstrong is executive principal of DuPont Hadley Middle School in Nashville, Tennessee, and President-Elect of the National Association of Elementary School Principals. Always dedicated to professional development for himself and his staff, Armstrong worked to become accepted into the prestigious Governor's Academy for School Leadership, where he collaborates with the best and brightest assistant principals in the state of Tennessee, mentors an assistant principal in his school district, participates in development programs designed to increase school leadership capacity. During the 2016-17 School year he was named Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools Middle School Principal of the Year. In April 2017, he was selected as the 2017 National Distinguished Principal for the state of Tennessee by the Tennessee Principals' Association. Dr. Armstrong holds a B.S. from Middle Tennessee State University and M.Ed. and Ed.D. degrees from Trevecca Nazarene University.

Mo Canady has served as the executive director for NASRO since 2011. He was appointed as an instructor for the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) in 2001 and a NASRO board member in 2005. He also served as president of The Alabama Association of School Resource Officers (TAASRO) in 2004. Under his leadership, the organization has become the premiere training agency for school resource officers (SROs) across the country and around the world, establishing national standards for school-based policing. With his guidance, the organization's Basic SRO Course became the only SRO course to receive national certification and to be recognized by the federal government as the gold standard of training for SROs. Canady's expertise as a school safety expert is sought after by many major news outlets including Fox News, CNN, and National Public Radio. At a national level, Canady has testified on the matter of SRO national standards before the Federal Commission on School Safety in 2018 and the matter of school safety before the United States House Committee on Education and the Workforce in 2013. He is a co-author of the national report, "To Protect and Educate – The School Resource Officer and the Prevention of Violence in Schools", released in 2012. He is widely recognized for his advocacy of carefully selected, specifically trained, and properly equipped school resource officers and is a respected voice in the school safety arena. Mr. Canady holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Jacksonville State University. He is a former lieutenant with the City of Hoover Police Department in Hoover, Alabama. The last twelve years of his law enforcement career were spent as the supervisor of the School Services Division. After 25 years of service, he retired from the Hoover Police Department in 2011.

Michael Dorn is Executive Director of Safe Havens International, the world's largest K-12 school safety center. Michael's 44-year campus safety career has taken him to eleven countries. Safe Havens has completed school safety, security, climate, culture and emergency preparedness assessments for more than 9,000 K-12 schools. Michael and his 60 analysts have provided post-incident assistance for more than 300 major school crisis events including 28 active shooter and targeted K-12 school shootings in three countries and a devastating terrorist attack on a Christian School field trip in Kenya. Michael has co-authored 28 books in his field, including the 450-page *Safe Schools Planning Guide for All Hazards* published by Jane's Defense and the 494-page

graduate level textbook *Extreme Violence – Understanding & Protecting People from Active Assailants, Hate Crimes, & Terrorist Attacks*. Michael has BA and master's degrees from Mercer University, is a graduate of the 181st session of the FBI National Academy and received a fellowship from Georgia State University to travel to Israel for 14 days of advanced anti-terrorism training and briefings. Michael has served as an expert witness in some of the largest school security civil actions in the U.S. today, including the largest civil action to date of this type - the multi-district and RICO federal lawsuits filed by 1,500 school districts against JUUL and Altria for the damages caused to the districts by the e-cigarette epidemic. After he testified in deposition and at trial, the co-defendants settled out of court for \$1 billion.

George Roberts currently serves as a Leadership Consultant for Baltimore County Public Schools and has held this position since 2022. As a Leadership Consultant, Dr. Roberts supports leadership development at the school and district level. He works specifically in principal training programs as well as with first-year principals and central office staff as they transition to their new leadership roles. Prior to serving as a Leadership Consultant, Dr. Roberts served as Community Superintendent where he and his team supervised 64 schools and programs consisting of over 40,000 students and 2,500 teachers. Prior to serving as Community Superintendent, Dr. Roberts was Senior Executive Director of Curriculum Operations with the Division of Curriculum and Instruction for Baltimore County Public Schools, as well as a middle and high school principal in Baltimore County.

Jaclyn Schildkraut is the Executive Director of the Regional Gun Violence Research Consortium at the Rockefeller Institute of Government. Prior to this appointment, she served as an Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Oswego. Her research interests include mass/school shootings, school safety, violence prevention, and media effects. Since 2018, Dr. Schildkraut has led the largest research study, to date, on the impact of lockdown drills, working with more than 20,000 students and 4,300 educators and community partners in New York's fifth largest school district. She is the co-author/editor of six books, including *Mass Shootings: Media, Myths, and Realities* (Praeger, 2016), *Columbine, 20 Years Later and Beyond: Lessons from Tragedy* (Praeger, 2019), and *Lockdown Drills: Connecting Research and Best Practices for School Administrators, Teachers, and Parents* (MIT Press, 2022). Dr. Schildkraut has published more than 50 research articles, book chapters, and policy briefs assessing different facets of school and mass shootings. A nationally recognized expert on mass shootings and school safety, her research is regularly cited by the local, national, and international media.

Laura Sharp is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist with over 30 years of vast and diverse experience in the field of mental health. Over the course of her career, she has been fortunate to work with individuals over the entire lifespan. Although she is grateful for each of these experiences, her passion is school based mental health services. Laura has been privileged to work throughout her career with people affected by trauma. This work has built a deep belief in the resiliency of the human spirit and propelled her to learn, and teach, diverse methods of building and strengthening resiliency. In addition to her clinical work, she has written and spoken on a wide variety of mental health topics to diverse audiences nationwide. Laura is a Licensed Psychologist. She holds certifications in School Psychology, School Counseling, and

Pupil Personnel Supervision. She is the cofounder and CEO of Lotus Educational Services, LLC. She is the Supervisor of Pupil Personnel Services for the Lincoln Intermediate Unit #12.

Frank Straub is the Senior Director of Violence Prevention at Safe and Sound Schools where he leads a portfolio of projects to prevent acts of targeted school violence. He co-founded and served as the co-director of Michigan State University's Protect 2 Prevent Project, a five-year pilot project to prevent acts of targeted school violence by middle and high school students. He leads the national Averted School Violence database. He recently led an international team of experts who reviewed the 2019 Christchurch mosque shootings and testified as an expert witness before the Coroner's Inquest. Dr. Straub is leading the development of an E-Guide for school-based behavioral threat assessment teams working with students with intellectual and developmental challenges. Previously, Dr. Straub served as the founder and director of the National Policing Institute's Center for Targeted Violence Prevention. Dr. Straub led in-depth studies of several high-profile targeted violence events. He created the national Averted School Violence database; and regularly consulted with government and non-government organizations regarding school violence, extremism, and terrorism prevention. Dr. Straub served for over 30-years in federal, state, and local law enforcement. Dr. Straub was a member of U.S. Department of Justice and Department of Homeland Security school safety and threat assessment working groups and is currently a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police Mass Violence Advisory Initiative. Dr. Straub holds a B.A. in Psychology, an M.A. in Forensic Psychology, and a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice. He is a licensed masters-level psychologist in Michigan.

Kenneth S. Trump is the President of National School Safety and Security Services, a Cleveland-based national firm specializing in school security, emergency preparedness, and school safety litigation consulting and training. Ken has more than four decades experience in PreK-12 school safety working with school and public safety officials from all 50 states and internationally. Ken earned a Master of Public Administration degree from Cleveland State University. Ken earned a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Education with a research focus on school administrator strategic crisis leadership and school safety communications in highly ambiguous and uncertain contexts. Ken has authored three books, five book chapters, and more than 450 articles on school security and crisis issues. He is widely quoted on all national news networks and cable TV and in top market newspapers. Ken is a four-time invited Congressional witness testifying on school safety and emergency preparedness issues, and he testified before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Ken has testified on school security and emergency preparedness to the Connecticut Governor's Sandy Hook Advisory Commission, the Oklahoma School Security Commission, the Council of State Governments, and other public policy agencies. Ken serves as a civil litigation consultant and expert witness on school safety, has briefed Israeli educators on school safety on behalf of the U.S. Department of State, and testified in Congress to the House Homeland Security Committee on schools, terrorism, and emergency preparedness.