

Preventing Targeted Violence in Schools
Safe School Initiative Seminar
by the United States Secret Service

Seminar Description

In response to concern about the safety of America's schools and school children from acts of targeted violence committed by students, the Secret Service's National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC) will conduct a **Safe School Initiative Seminar on Tuesday, June 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** This seminar will take place at Central Connecticut State University's Lawrence J. Davidson Hall in the Torp Theatre. The NTAC will present select case studies of school shooters, discuss the study's findings, and examine the concept of threat assessment as an approach to evaluating the risk of targeted violence in schools.

The goal of this seminar is to provide information and materials from the Safe School Initiative in order to help attendees develop and implement strategies to earlier identify, assess, and manage those that may pose a risk of targeted violence in schools. The Safe School Initiative gathered and analyzed operationally relevant information about the thinking and behavior of students who have planned and carried out instances of targeted violence in American schools over the past several years.

Seminar Objectives

Upon seminar completion, participants will:

- Realize the concepts of targeted violence
- Discover the current approaches to evaluating risks for targeted violence in schools
- Receive the findings from a study of the pre-incident thinking and behaviors of school shooters in the U.S. in the past 25 years
- Learn the principles of threat assessment as a better means to evaluate risk of targeted violence in schools

Target Audience/Discipline

- Middle School and High School Principals
- Superintendents of Schools
- Chiefs of Police
- Chief Elected Officials
- Law Enforcement

Cost

Free. This seminar is being sponsored by the Homeland Security Education Center, an educational collaboration between the Department of Public Safety's Division of Homeland Security and the University of Connecticut. Co-sponsors are the Connecticut Department of Education, the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents, the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, the Connecticut Association of Schools, the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association and the Police Officer Standards and Training Council.

Seminar Length

6 ½ hours

Date/Time

Tuesday, June 29, 2004, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Please Note: Sign-in for this seminar is from 8:00-9:00 a.m. in Lawrence J. Davidson Hall's Founders Hall. Continental breakfast will also be from 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Food

Continental breakfast will be provided in Lawrence J. Davidson Hall's Founders Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be available in Memorial Hall's Southeast Dining Room on the 2nd Floor from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Seminar Location

Central Connecticut State University, Lawrence J. Davidson Hall's (#1 on the CCSU map) Torp Theatre, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Torp Theatre & Founders Hall:

Torp Theatre and Founders Hall are both located within the Lawrence J. Davidson Hall, on the other side of Barnard Hall (which is adjacent to Welte Garage).

Directions to CCSU's Welte Garage (#40 on the CCSU map)

From the EAST

Take I-84 West to Exit 39A to Rt. 9 South. Take Exit 29 off of Rt. 9 to Ella Grasso Boulevard and take a right turn to the University. Proceed approximately ¾ mile and take a left at the 4th light into the Welte Garage (before reaching the intersection of Grasso Blvd. and Stanley St.).

From the WEST

Take I-84 East to Exit 35, Rt. 72 East (New Britain Exit). Follow Rt. 72 East to Rt. 9 North and take Exit 29 to Cedar Street (Rt. 175). At the traffic light at the end of the ramp, take a left turn to the second traffic light, and take a right turn onto Paul Manafort Drive to the University. Proceed approximately ¾ mile to the traffic light and take a right onto Stanley Street. Take a right just after the blue sign marking Welte Garage (BEFORE the next traffic light).

From the SOUTH (New York area)

Take I-95 North to I-91 North to Exit 22 North to Rt. 9 North. Follow Rt. 9 to Exit 29, Cedar Street (Rt. 175). At the traffic light at the end of the ramp, take a left turn to the second traffic light, and take a right turn onto Paul Manafort Drive to the University. Proceed approximately ¾ mile to the traffic light and take a right onto Stanley Street. Take a right just after the blue sign marking Welte Garage (BEFORE the next traffic light).

From the NORTH (Rhode Island area)

Take I-95 South to Rt. 9 (Old Saybrook). Take Rt. 9 North to Exit 29, Cedar Street (Rt. 175). At the traffic light at the end of the ramp, take a left turn to the second traffic light, and take a right turn onto Paul Manafort Drive to the University. Proceed approximately ¾ mile to the traffic light and take a right onto Stanley Street. Take a right just after the blue sign marking Welte Garage (BEFORE the next traffic light).

From the NORTH (Massachusetts)

Take I-91 South to I-84 West to Exit 39A, to Rt. 9 South. Take Exit 29 off Rt. 9 South to Ella Grasso Boulevard and take a right turn to the University. Proceed approximately ¾ mile and take a left at the 4th light into the Welte Garage (before reaching the intersection of Grasso Blvd. and Stanley St.).

Class Size

Maximum: 360 participants

To register

Please register **online** by going to the following URL:

<http://continuingstudies.uconn.edu/wdi/index.html>

You will now be at the UConn's Workforce Development Institute's home page. At the bottom on this page you will see "Upcoming Event! Safe School Initiative Seminar." Double click on this. You'll now be at the Safe School Initiative page. To register, please scroll down to the "To Register" section and double click on the "secure online registration system" link and follow the steps to register yourself. The registration process will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. At the end of the registration process you will be able to print out a confirmation form that confirms you have been accepted into the program. **Please register by Wednesday, June 23, 2004.** Registration will be on a first come, first served basis.

Please Note: The CCSU Campus Map is located on the above Safe School Initiative registration Web page under "Directions to CCSU's Welte Garage."

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Lee Campbell at 860.566.1133.
Thank you.