

# Violent Threat Risk Assessment Level 1 - REGISTER EARLY!!

Presented By: Pat Rivard

**Date(s):**

Wednesday, October 10, 2018  
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Thursday, October 11, 2018  
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

**Session Location:**

Central Alberta Regional Consortium  
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**Registration Fee:**

\$325.00

**Audience:** Teachers, Administration

**Grade Level:** K-12

**About the Session:**

The primary purpose of this two-day training is to teach school administrators, counsellors, police officers, and other related partners (community mental health, social services, probation, etc.) the multidisciplinary process of determining if a threat maker actually poses a risk to the target or targets they have threatened. Teams also assess students who already have histories of violence and are concerned about further and/or more serious violence potential. Serious violence is an evolutionary process and most students leave (intentionally or unintentionally) signs and indicators. Teams are trained to become local experts at collecting data that helps to paint a clear picture of how high risk a student may be to carry out an act of violence towards themselves or others and what the appropriate intervention should be based on that data. Teams are also trained to address the newer issue of “unauthorized threats” that have plagued schools across Canada for the past years.

**About the Presenter(s):****Pat Rivard**

Pat Rivard has an extensive background in Violence Risk Threat Assessments (VTRAs), being trained by internationally recognized expert Kevin Cameron, Executive Director of the Canadian Centre for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response. Pat's background as a social worker gives him an in-depth understanding of at-risk behaviours, complemented by his career as an educator, principal and is currently a Senior Administrator with Palliser Regional Schools. Recently, Pat received an award from Canadian Centre for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response for his Outstanding Leadership, showing his commitment to providing a safe and caring environment for all students. Pat grew up in a small town in Northern Alberta and has a strong francophone heritage. He is looking forward to reconnecting with his francophone roots. Level 1 VTRA training will introduce participants to a multi-disciplinary team approach that ensures a coordinated response to youth who may be at risk to themselves or others. Participants will be provided integral tools to assess the risk level involved with threats and acts of violence in their schools. Through information sharing, those who work with youth can create and follow up on a purposeful plan to prevent an escalation of behaviours.