

Digital Threat Assessment Training

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Thursday, November 28, 2019
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

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Session Location:

Central Alberta Regional Consortium
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Registration Fee:

\$350.00

Audience: Counsellors, administrators, IT staff, teachers

Grade Level: K-12

About the Session:

Day One: Basic Digital Threat Assessment Training

Safer Schools Together developed Digital Threat Assessment (DTA) training in 2015 to keep pace with the ever-evolving technology challenges that affect school and public safety today. These challenges have entered the education domain with force and have overwhelmed school district staff worldwide. The goal is to give attendees a stronger understanding of the current social media world, tools to be able to proactively identify student safety concerns and provide strategies for dealing with online situations as they arise. All aspects of school safety and threats to schools now involve a social media or online component, and we need to prepare.

A successful Threat Risk Assessment can only occur if we have a solid understanding of all data needed to assess an individual's potential for violence appropriately. In 2019, we cannot determine an overall assessment of risk without looking at the social media and online activity of the threat maker. It is imperative to understand the tools and methods available to you to identify online threat related behaviour. We use real-life case examples from our subject matter expert work across North America and a significant portion of the training days will be spent doing hands-on searching exercises on the most current social media platforms and applications.

Day Two: Advanced Digital Threat Assessment Training

Advanced Digital Threat Assessment Training will build and expand significantly on the content covered during the prerequisite Basic DTA Training. Participants will leave with a concrete understanding of how to find and curate relevant digital information as is typically represented in a real-life digital threat assessment data gathering scenario. Major engagement and hands-on practice will take place as participants are assembled into investigative teams and given a mock real-life situation.

The final practical assignment will require working collaboratively as a team. Teams will navigate the realms of the social media world using both familiar and new techniques to produce a digital baseline report. We will supply templates and standard operating procedures to take home. Attendees will leave feeling confident in their ability to independently establish a threat makers' digital baseline and produce a comprehensive report.

Participants should bring a laptop, Microsoft Surface Pro or Google Chromebook. Tablets and iPads are not compatible.

About the Presenter(s):

Nick Chernoff

Nick Chernoff's background working in schools started with his role in the Surrey School District in the Safe Schools Department as a Safe School Liaison where he spent five years of his career. He also worked as an outreach worker for youth at-risk of gang involvement with the Surrey WRAP program. Nick has been a member of the Canadian Forces for over five years in the Infantry Regiment and works closely with various Military Intelligence Units. As a member of the Safer Schools Together team, Nick specializes in Social Media Awareness and Digital Data Collection. As a lead analyst, he collects Social Media Data that is used to assist schools both in Canada and the United States in addressing worrisome and threat-related online behaviours. As a speaker, he provides presentations and workshops to students, staff and parents on Social Media Awareness, as well as, online personal

and public safety.