



NASRO NATIONAL SCHOOL SAFETY CONFERENCE

Building Community Trust One Child at a Time

Virtual Conference

All times are Central Standard Time

Wednesday, August 5

9:00 am – 9:30 am **Opening and Awards Ceremonies**

9:45 am – 12:00 pm **Michele Gay and Alissa Parker**
School Safety: A Parent's Perspective

Michele Gay, Co-founder, Safe and Sound Schools

Mother, educator, and co-founder of Safe and Sound Schools, Michele Gay chose to take action after losing her daughter Josephine Grace on December 14, 2012, in the Sandy Hook School tragedy. Since that time, Michele has channeled her work as an advocate, improving safety and security in schools and communities across our country.

Now a nationally and internationally recognized public speaker and school safety advocate, Michele reaches audiences and consults with all levels of community institutions — schools; municipalities; houses of worship; educational and public safety leadership; state and federal governments; law enforcement agencies; and top news media sources. Through her work, and always with a goal of helping others increase the safety within their own communities, Michele shares her personal experiences and the lessons she has learned.

Michele's impassioned position on school safety hinges on every community taking a comprehensive and sustainable approach to safety. She works diligently to unite stakeholders of all disciplines and perspectives. As an educator, mother, and survivor of tragedy, Michele is uniquely positioned to help others prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from tragedies of their own.

Alissa Parker, Co-founder, Safe and Sound Schools

Alissa is the mother of Emilie Parker, one of the 20 children who died tragically in the Sandy Hook School Shootings on December 14, 2012. In the wake of the tragedy, Alissa was moved to engage parents in securing the safety of their children's school by becoming an active member of the Newtown Public Schools' Safety Committee. Now, Alissa is a nationally-recognized advocate for school safety, speaking to school communities, educational leadership events, and top news sources across the United States.



Alissa graduated from Weber State University in her hometown of Ogden, Utah. She is a co-founder of Safe and Sound Schools and also co-founded The Emilie Parker Art Connection, which gives to art programs for kids across the country. She is the author of the book, *An Unseen Angel*, a memoir of faith, hope, and healing. Alissa brings a powerful perspective and passion to Safe and Sound Schools. She is devoted to creating a legacy of safety for our nation's children in honor of her beloved Emilie.

NATIONAL TOWN HALL MEETING

Building Community Trust One Child at a Time

- 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Developing Successful Relationship with Diverse Students: A Panel Discussion
- 2:45 pm – 4:15 pm Safely Returning to School in the Era of Covid-19: A Panel Discussion

Thursday, August 6

- 8:00 am – 12:00 pm **Bernie James**, Professor of Law at Pepperdine University
School Law Update
Sponsored by Verizon

Bernie James, a professor at Pepperdine University, is a contributing editor to the NASRO Journal of School Safety. He specializes in Civil Rights, Constitutional Law, and Education Law, and is the author of the textbook *Education Policy and the Law: Cases and Commentary* and numerous articles on law, education, and religion. He lectures in the United States and Canada on constitutional issues and serves as a commentator for the national and local media discussing U.S. Supreme Court decisions.

- 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm **Lorie Fridell, PhD**, CEO, Fair and Impartial Policing
Implicit Bias Awareness to Promote SRO Safety and Effectiveness

Dr. Fridell is a national expert on the psychology of bias and how it might impact on law enforcement professionals. She developed the Fair and Impartial Policing training program, which is the most widely used implicit-bias curricula for law enforcement in North America. Fridell is a professor of Criminology at the University of South Florida (USF). Prior to joining USF in 2005, she served for 6 years as Director of Research at the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) in Washington, D.C.



2:45 pm – 4:15 pm

Theresa Campbell

The Current State of Social Media: A Safe Schools Perspective

Theresa Campbell is the President of Safer Schools Together, an organization focused on promoting a climate and culture of safety in schools and Executive Director, International Centre for Threat Assessment (ICTA).

Theresa established Safer Schools Together (SST) in 2008, to provide opportunities for extensive professional development in the areas of safe and caring schools and violence prevention. In addition to hosting training symposiums, SST has authored the Safe & Caring School Tool to measure the climate and culture of a school, as well as ensure best practices are followed and the Ministry of Education mandates regarding school/student safety are met. Recommendations from each assessment are aimed at ensuring that positive programs and proactive measures to address bullying, drugs and fighting are implemented, or enhanced, ensuring students, staff and parents feel safe and comfortable in their respective schools. SST was awarded the contract for the British Columbia Provincially mandated ERASE Bullying Prevention Training Strategy for which, Theresa is the lead trainer.

Friday, August 7

9:00 am – 11:15 am

Sheriff Mike Neal

Critical Mindset...Sovereign Citizen Shootout

Sponsored by SchoolGuard and Hero911

Sheriff Mike Neal was instrumental in ending a brutal gun battle that resulted in the death of two officers and critically injuring two others. Sheriff Neal ended the threat by ramming his state-issued patrol vehicle into the minivan carrying the two killers. While under direct gunfire, Sheriff Neal engaged the two killers in a fierce gun battle and eliminated any further threat, thus saving several lives. Sheriff Mike Neal was named the 2011 International Officer of the Year and in 2012 was the 58th recipient of the Congressional Medal of Valor from the President of the United States. Sheriff Neal remains the most decorated Wildlife Officer in the history of Arkansas Game & Fish. In 2014, Sheriff Neal was elected as the Monroe County Sheriff where he currently serves. Sheriff Neal continues to speak nationwide on the threat to our nation and promotes the use of the Hero911 and Guard911 services. His presentation on July 9 will be "Critical Mindset...Sovereign Citizen Shootout".

11:30 am – noon

Mo Canady, NASRO Executive Director

Actions Over Words: What NASRO is Doing to Advance and Support SRO Programs Nationally

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Lina Alathari, Ph.D., Chief, U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC)

Protecting America's Schools: A U.S. Secret Service Analysis of Targeted School Violence



Dr. Lina Alathari is the Chief of the U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC), where she oversees the agency’s research, training, consultation, and outreach programs on threat assessment and the prevention of targeted violence, including school violence, workplace violence, terrorism, attacks against government officials and facilities, and mass attacks in public spaces. In 2019, NTAC released *Protecting America’s Schools: A U.S. Secret Service Analysis of Targeted School Violence*, which represents the most comprehensive analysis of targeted school violence ever produced by the federal government. Dr. Alathari was named a 2020 Safety, Security and International Affairs Finalist for the Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medals, and was the recipient of the 2019 Secret Service Director’s Team Impact Award, the 2019 DHS Secretary’s Meritorious Service Award, as well as the 2015 DHS Law Enforcement Information Sharing (LEIS) Visionary Award.

Alathari earned a Ph.D. in Cognitive Neuropsychology from The George Washington University.

2:45 pm – 4:15 pm

Jermaine Galloway

High in Plain Sight: Youth Drug and Vaping Trends

Officer Jermaine Galloway, known as the “Tall Cop”, began his law enforcement career in 1997 and has more than 18 years experience in alcohol and drug education, enforcement and prevention. As a full time trainer, the “Tall Cop” currently dedicates thousands of hours to community scans, research and substance abuse identification in various communities across the country. While in law enforcement, Officer Galloway was a member of the DUI task force, a CSI, community policing unit and a field-training officer. The Tall Cop calls the great state of Texas home as he travels and trains nationally and internationally.

Officer Galloway is well known for his constantly evolving drug trends trainings which he provides nationwide training to coalitions, law enforcement, educators, counselors, probation, treatment, judges, health professionals, specialty courts, school security and administrators, along with community members to name a few. Over the last five years, Officer Galloway has trained more than 300,000 class attendees and over 650,000 overall class attendees nationally and internationally. Many times once in a specific community, the “Tall Cop” conducts a community scans – working his way through several of the local alcohol, drug and retail promotion locations. The Tall Cop has scanned thousands of retail locations over the last decade in almost every state in the US and several provinces in Canada.

4:15 pm – 4:30 pm

Conference Closing Message