



2025 GEORGIA SCHOOL SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY CONFERENCE

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Killer Media: Social Media and Gang Rivalries	Ryan Piechocinski	Office of the Attorney General
Responding to an Actual Violent Crisis	Trent Lovett	Marshal County Schools, KY
You Have Had a School Shooting, Now What?		
Creating a Police Department in School Districts	Chris Elrod	Coffee County School District
State and Federal Resources Post Natural Disaster	Traci Boyd	Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security
Defining the Role of the SRO	Kerry Quinn	Lowndes County Sheriff's Office
Response to Bomb Threats and Explosive Hazards in Schools	Matt Marchant	Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Enhancing School Safety using BTAM	Robert Grooms	USSS, National Threat Assessment Center
Gang Recruitment and Current Trends	Jack Frost	Atlantic Judicial Circuit, Georgia Gang Investigators Association
Sikh Temple Massacre	Brian Murphy	Oak Creek Police Department
Collaborative Leadership	John Edwards	Peace Officers Association of Georgia
School Safety & Anti-Gang Endorsement	Kamaria Douglas	Private Company
Sport and Special Event Risk Management and Planning	Ben Rolens	National Center for Spectator Sports Safety & Security
The Role of School Social Work in Enhancing School Safety	Lindsey Oliver	Georgia Department of Education, Office of Whole Child Supports
Free Your Feels	Maria Ramos	Voices for Georgia's Children
Strengthening Preparedness and Prevention: Apex Program	Lupe Artega Lauren Stites	GSU, Georgia Health Policy Center
Leadership and Emotional Intelligence for Effective Crisis Response	Alissa Sasser	First District RESA
Lessons Learned from September 4, 2024	Judd Smith	Barrow County Sheriff's Office
	Matt Thompson	Barrow County School System
Incident Command in Action	Tracy Fox	Troup County Schools
	Sarah Sillitto	Muscogee County Schools
Safer, More Secure Schools Through a Whole Community Approach	John Ryan	Strong Augusta
The Crisis Debrief Protocol: A Critical Step in School Emergency Response	Kibbey Crumbley	Fulton County Schools
	Paul Hildreth	



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Georgia DOE: Seal of Preparedness	Mark Muma	Georgia Department of Education, Office of Whole Child Supports
Educational Legislative Updates	Matt Cardoza	Georgia Department of Education, Office of External Affairs and Policy
Anti-Gang for Teacher Endorsement	Haley Beckham	Georgia Public Safety Training Center
Positive Peer Influencer Program	Michael Sarhatt	Chatham County Counter Narcotics Team
Post-Crisis Reunification	Kevin Burd	I Love You Guys
Internet Safety for Schools	April Griffith	Georgia Bureau of Investigation
First Observer Plus	Richard Clapsaddle	Transportation Security Administration
Understanding Essential Emergency Drill Reporting Protocols and School Fire Safety Compliance	Amanda Jones	Office of the Commissioner of Insurance and Safety Fire
GEMA/HS Intelligence Unit	Sierra Clarke	Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency