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April 24, 2019

Dear Guest:

You are cordially invited by the Leir Retreat Center to attend the following workshop:

The 2019 Leir Conference on Safe School Initiatives
"School Campus Safety - Active Shooter Preparedness Workshop"
Mr. Douglas Pesce; Lt. James Perez and Sgt. Steven Rief (see attached bios)

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

The Leir Retreat Center

8:30 am - 9:00 am - Continental breakfast & registration

9:00am - 2:00pm - Workshop

Lunch Included

Fee: None

Given today's ever-changing threat environment, preparing for and training faculty and staff to cope with workplace violence should be a key piece of any administrations incident response planning.

The workshop will cover the following areas:

- *See Something, Say Something, How and Why it Works to Save Lives (D. Pesce)*
- *Active Shooter and Workplace Violence and Behavioral Indicators (Lt. Perez)*
- *Protocols/Preparedness for Emergency Response Teams, SWAT, Local and State Law Enforcement (Sgt. Rief)*

Registration and continental breakfast will start at 8:30 a.m. and introductions and presentations will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will also be served. If you plan on attending this Leir Retreat Center sponsored conference, please complete the enclosed Registration Form and return to the attention of Margot Gibis by fax or email (see below) or mail directly to the Leir Retreat Center, 220 Branchville Rd., Ridgefield, CT 06877 by **May 13, 2019**. Thank you and we look forward to your attendance.

Sincerely,

Margot Gibis
Margot Gibis, President
The Leir Retreat Center
The Leir Foundations

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Name of Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone number _____ Fax number _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Person Email Address: _____

Names of Attendees: (If you cannot attend, please send someone in your stead)

1. Name: _____

Title: _____

Dietary restrictions: _____

*Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at The Leir Retreat Center
Please RSVP by Monday, May 13, 2019
Seating is limited*

Douglas J. Pesce
Protective Security Advisor, Connecticut District
Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency

Douglas Pesce serves as the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Protective Security Advisor (PSA) assigned in Connecticut, supporting Homeland Security efforts by providing advisory and reachback capacity to the State Homeland Security Advisor as well as to Municipal entities and especially the Private Sector. PSA Pesce facilitates, coordinates, and performs vulnerability assessments for local critical infrastructure and assets, promotes training, and acts as a physical and technical security advisor to Federal, State, and local Law Enforcement. He's served in this position from February 2005 to the present. Prior to becoming a PSA, Mr. Pesce served as an Explosives Security Specialist/Special Agent (SA) with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Explosives Unit assigned to the Federal Air Marshal Service (FAMS) in the NY and Boston Field Offices. Prior to serving with the TSA (and prior to 9-11), Mr. Pesce served as a Special Agent (SA) with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Civil Aviation Security Division, assigned to Logan International Airport in Boston, MA, and then Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, CT. Master Sergeant Douglas J. Pesce retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1996 after 20 years of Active Duty as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Technician including roles as a Team Chief, Superintendent, and Instructor.

Lieutenant James Perez
Fairfield Police Department,
Special Services Division

Lieutenant James Perez is currently employed by the Fairfield Connecticut Police Department and has 24 years' experience in Law Enforcement. He has taught the D.A.R.E. program in elementary school and was a member of the S.W.A.T. team for 14 years. During his tenure on the S.W.A.T. team he responded to an incident involving an alleged bomber holding 19 college students hostage at Fairfield University. He was recently the Commander of the Special Services Division which oversees police operations including the Marine Division, Dive Team, & Special Agent program. He currently is in the Administration Division in charge of Public Affairs.

Steven Rief
Owner and Lead Trainer, Ragnarok Training Group, LLC
Connecticut State Police (Ret.)

Owner and lead Trainer of Ragnarok Training Group, LLC which specializes in training law enforcement, first responder and civilian professionals. A 32-year law enforcement veteran with an extensive background, having served 5 years in municipal police departments and 26.5 years as a Trooper with the Connecticut State Police Department. Prior to his retirement from the state police in 2015, he served as a full-time member and team leader within the emergency Services Unity – State Police Tactical Unit.

- Received extensive training in tactical team operations and doctrine, and has deployed hundreds of tactical operations
- Responded to multiple, active shooter incidents to include Sandy Hook Elementary School
- Guest speaker for FBI on Integrated Response to Critical Incident (Sandy Hook) at the Law Enforcement executive Development Seminar in MO and FBI National Academy Seminars in PA and WI
- Guest speaker for Department of Homeland Security on Active Shooter Preparedness and Response as part of their community outreach training program and information forums to civilians in public/private sector businesses, and community groups.
- Served as committee member and trainer writing policy, training curriculum and conducting training for the Connecticut Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) Connecticut law Enforcement Response to active Shooter/Aggressor Incidents, in coordination with and POST and the CT State Police
- Served as a committee member on policy and curriculum for CT (New London County) Police/fire/EMS Joint Concept of Operations for Response to Criminal Mass Casualty Incidents (CMCI)
- Received instructor certifications in: firearms, sniper, patrol rifle, shoot-house, less-lethal munitions and active shooter