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Dr. Gene Deisinger is a Managing Partner & Co-Founder of SIGMA Threat Management Associates, a professional services firm involving internationally recognized experts in psychology & behavior, law, organizational development, security, and law enforcement. A woman-owned small business, SIGMA provides threat assessment training and consulting services to clients worldwide. SIGMA helps clients evaluate threatening circumstances, manage situations, mitigate risk for violence, and enhance the safety and well-being of their communities. SIGMA serves a broad range of clients including educational institutions, governmental agencies, security & protective services agencies, corporations, and public figures.

In February 2015, Dr. Deisinger was retained as the Threat Management Consultant for the Virginia Center for School & Campus Safety. As an independent contractor, Dr. Deisinger provides training and consultation for schools, campuses, government, and law enforcement agencies across the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Until his retirement in November 2014, Dr. Deisinger also served as Deputy Chief of Police & Director of Threat Management Services for Virginia Tech, positions to which he had been recruited following the 2007 mass casualty incident at that campus. As executive officer for the Virginia Tech Police Department, Major Deisinger provided leadership for law enforcement operations to support a safe and secure campus environment. In addition to his command responsibilities with VTPD, Dr. Deisinger also managed the university's multi-disciplinary threat management functions.

Dr. Deisinger earned his doctorate in psychology from Iowa State University. He is a licensed psychologist, a certified health service provider in psychology, and, until his retirement, a certified law enforcement officer.

Dr. Deisinger was a founding member of the Iowa State University Critical Incident Response Team, a multi-disciplinary team that conducted pro-active planning and coordinated institutional responses during crisis situations. Dr. Deisinger developed the threat management program and served as the primary threat manager for Iowa State from the team's inception in 1994, until accepting his position at Virginia Tech in 2009. Dr. Deisinger has personally managed threat cases and protective operations for a broad range of organizations, governmental dignitaries, public figures, and members of the university community.

Since 1994, Dr. Deisinger has provided threat assessment consultation and training to schools, colleges, universities, governmental agencies, and corporations across the United States, and abroad. He has assisted hundreds of organizations in developing, implementing, and refining their threat management processes. He has provided consultation on a broad range of cases, helping organizations to implement integrated case management strategies. Dr. Deisinger has also been an invited presenter for numerous national and international professional organizations and governmental agencies.

In 2008, Dr. Deisinger (along with principal co-author & SIGMA co-founder, Dr. Marisa Randazzo) published *The Handbook for Campus Threat Assessment & Management Teams*. The Handbook has been

recognized by the American National Standards Institute as exemplifying best practices for implementing and operating campus threat assessment and management teams. Several campuses have adopted the *Handbook* as an operating guide for their violence prevention efforts.

Dr. Deisinger served as a subject matter expert and primary trainer for the national Campus Threat Assessment Training initiative, a program offered in 2009-2011 through the US Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. From 2009-2012, Dr. Deisinger was appointed as a Fellow of the US Department of Education's Higher Education Center for Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention. In 2008, Dr. Deisinger was appointed as a subject matter expert for a joint project by the US Department of Education, US Secret Service and Federal Bureau of Investigation. That project resulted in a monograph (published in April, 2010) entitled *Campus Attacks: Targeted Violence Affecting Institutions of Higher Education*. Since 2012 he has served as a subject matter expert for the US Departments of Justice and Homeland Security in their efforts to prevent violent mass casualty incidents. He has been featured in *Nature - International Weekly Journal of Science*, and in the American Psychological Association *Monitor on Psychology* and the PBS Special, *The Path to Violence*.

In 2009, following the tragedy at Fort Hood, Dr. Deisinger was requested to assist the US Army in enhancing force protection and threat management capabilities. He subsequently served as a subject matter expert for the Defense Science Board, providing testimony to enhance understanding of targeted violence and application of threat management methodologies in military settings. His contributions were included in the Board's 2012 publication entitled *Task Force Report: Predicting Violent Behavior*.