



SIGMA Threat Management Associates Bio

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Lieutenant Dave Okada is a Senior Consultant with SIGMA and an internationally recognized expert in multi-disciplinary threat assessment and management. He has been a practitioner in threat assessment since 2000 and has worked on thousands of threat assessment cases throughout his career, serving as the Chair of the Willamette Valley Adult Threat Advisory Team and a member of the Mid-Valley Student Threat Assessment Team. He coordinated the threat assessment program for the Salem Police Department for several years and has implemented numerous policies and procedures both within his department and within the Willamette Valley Adult Threat Advisory Team. He has co-authored threat assessment investigative guides for both adult and student models that are currently in use by several threat assessment teams and programs throughout the nation.

Lieutenant Okada has over 33 years serving as a police officer in Salem, Oregon and has been instrumental in promoting threat assessment throughout the nation. He has done presentations, consulting, training and debriefing on threat assessment issues around the nation and is highly regarded as a trainer in the field. He has trained and consulted in Community-based threat assessment, K-12 threat assessment, Higher Education threat assessment, Corporate threat assessment, and Public-Sector threat assessment. He has also consulted and assisted in the formation of multiple threat assessment teams and systems throughout the United States. He was an invited participant at the 2015 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Symposium on Targeted Violence Prevention, resulting in the 2017 publication of the FBI Behavioral Analysis Unit Monograph: [Making Prevention a Reality: Identifying, Assessing, and Managing the Threat of Targeted Attacks](#). Lieutenant Okada consults to the Oregon Governor's Task Force on School Safety and is working with the Task Force on threat assessment legislation. Okada was the recipient of the Oregon Champions for Children award in 2017 for his work in student threat assessment. Lieutenant Okada is also a co-author of the publication [Assessing Student Threats: Implementing the Salem-Keizer System](#).

Lieutenant Okada currently serves as First Vice-President of the National Board of Directors of the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP). He previously served as the ATAP Northwest Chapter Sergeant at Arms and two terms as Northwest Chapter President. He also served on the committee that authored the ATAP Code of Ethical Conduct. In 2009, he received the ATAP Presidential Recognition Award and has received numerous other awards and honors for his work in law enforcement. He has a wide variety of experiences ranging from homicide investigations to gang investigations to criminal intelligence to narcotics investigations. He has commanded the Salem Police Department Domestic Violence Response Team, Youth Services Unit and Criminal Investigations Sections. He also commanded a HIDTA Interagency Task Force and holds numerous state certifications including the Executive Certification through the Oregon Department of Public Safety. Lieutenant Okada graduated Cum Laude from Willamette University and is also a graduate of the Southern Police Institute Homicide Investigator Course, the FBI National Academy, DEA Drug Unit Commander Academy and Oregon Executive Development Institute.