



ILLINOIS SCHOOL SAFETY CONFERENCE

FREE One-Day Event

Wednesday, October 7, 2026
7:15 am to 4:00 pm

Donald E. Stephens Convention Center
5555 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL 60018

This event is **FREE** for school personnel, police, emergency preparedness personnel, and public safety officers. You must bring your school or agency ID to enter.

Participants: [Register HERE by October 1, 2026](#)

Who Should Attend?

District & School Administrators, Police & Fire Departments, Transportation Directors, Safety & Emergency Managers

Heighten your safety awareness and hear from experts in school safety and crisis prevention. Enhance the safety and security of your school. The information will be practical and easy to apply and there will be time for questions. Ample parking and WIFI available.

This event includes:

- FREE Continental Breakfast & Lunch
- Exceptional Vendors Onsite
- Professional Development Paperwork Provided

School Safety Panel Speakers

- **Randy Braverman**, School Safety and Threat Assessment Specialist, West40
- **Scott Sophier**, Northeastern Illinois University, Chief of Police/ Executive Director of Campus Safety
- **Jeremy Flood**, Corporate Security & Protective Intelligence Specialist Senior, Country Financial
- **Jeremy Duffy**, Illinois Association of School Boards, Deputy Executive Director
- **Joseph Matise**, Ridgeland School District 122, Superintendent
- **Derek Carle**, Illinois School and Campus Safety Program, Program Director
- **Cathy Stashak**, Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal, Section Chief Technical Services Division
- **Detective Rich Wistocki (RET)**, President, Be Sure Cyber Training
- **Cassandra Carnright**, FBI, Threat Assessment Coordinator
- **David Gabbard**, U.S. Secret Service, Domestic Security Strategist
- **Dr. David Negron**, Superintendent, Summit School District 104
- **Ronan Shableski**, Chicago Public Schools(CPS), Chief of Safety and Security
- **Sean M. Flynn**, Assistant Deputy Chief Paramedic, Chicago Fire Department
- **Mark Sunnquist**, President of ILSROA. SRO for Matcutah Police Department
- **Sergeant Jason Wilson**, Public Relations Officer, Illinois State Police
- **Eric Arnold**, School and Threat Assessment Specialist, West 40

Featured Speakers

- **Paul Timm, PSP**, Director of Education Safety, Allegion, "Leading practices in school Safety"
- **Steven MacDonald**, Director of Training and Development, Safer Schools Together - "Lesson Learned on 764, Com, True Crime Community (TCC) on real situations on Digital Behavioral Threat Assessment"
- **Patrice Whitten**, Texas School Principal, Founder of Power of Connections, "When seconds Matter: Lesson Learned from a School Shooting"
- **Antoinette King**, Cybersecurity Expert, Founder Credo Cyber Consulting (CISSP, PSP, SICC), "This Session Explores Why Operational Resilience Requires Schools to Adopt a Converged Security Safety Strategy That Connects People, Processes, Technology and Incident Response Across Physical and Digital Environments"
- **Brandon Fleming**, Award-Winning High Impact Educator, Motivational Speaker and Author, Founder and CEO of the Veritas Schools, Plus a Film is being Made About His Life, "He will be sharing strategies for creating psychologically safe environments where students and people can thrive"

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West 40 ISC, Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois School and Campus Safety Program, Illinois Emergency Management Agency, Kane County Regional Office of Education, Township High School District 211, Illinois School Resource Officers Association, Illinois State Police, School District 89 (Maywood, Melrose Park and Broadview), Joliet Police Department, Grundy/Kendall ROE, 24, Summit School District 104 Illinois Association of School Business Officials, Chicago Public Schools, Ridgeland School District 122, Will County Regional Office of Education and Village of Rosemont