

## Course Objectives

1. To provide those responsible for making security decisions in schools with an understanding of existing popular practices being implemented by school districts today, how they have been improperly used or failed and when they are most beneficial.
2. To equip participants with a basic understanding of the pros and cons of existing solutions being offered as a means of enhancing school safety.
3. To ensure that participants have a basic understanding of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) and what it can and cannot accomplish.
4. To provide peer discussion and evaluation of popular techniques, and introduce new effective tools being offered for school safety today.
5. To provide the attendee the knowledge and tools with which to complete a comprehensive school risk vulnerability assessment.

# Conducting Comprehensive School Risk Vulnerability Assessments

**School campuses have broken the record for school shootings this year over the previous ten years for the same period.**

Taught by an expert school security consultant and author of Virginia's mandated school checklist, this newly **updated training** is intended to prepare the participant to **comprehensively examine a school's physical environment for crime vulnerabilities**. This course uses current research and evidenced-based approaches in coordination with real life experience to address the school violence and active shooter concerns from a realistic viewpoint. Utilizing a multi-faceted approach which includes Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), Situational Crime Prevention and the Rational Choice Theory, this course provides a unique understanding of how the environment impacts crime in the school. The course also provides participants a **newly developed easy to use customizable assessment instrument** to guide in identifying vulnerabilities, suggest solutions, and prepare a comprehensive report. An earlier version of this tool has been used to conduct thousands of school security surveys in multiple states and on tribal lands. This training provides practical suggestions for K-12 institutions. Other additions to this course include consideration of current practices, examining the good, the bad, and the ugly of each. It also addresses policies, planning and new technologies.

This training **is intended for school administrators, school resource officers, crime prevention practitioners** and others that may be responsible for participating in school security surveys/assessments or making safety decisions relative to such assessments.

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### Some topics to be addressed:

- *Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design refresher/primer.*
  - *Situational Crime Prevention and the theory of rational choice in addressing risk.*
  - *Current strengths and weaknesses of modern attempts at security (Guns, Grants and Security Devices).*
  - *The process for conducting and organizing n effective assessment.*
  - *Identifying risk and motivations of active shooters.*
  - *The value of stakeholder input and interviews.*
  - *Improving on behavioral threat assessment use.*
  - *The purpose of security assessments/surveys.*
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**Date and Time:** July 18-21, 2022 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM daily

**Location:** Melrose Veterans Memorial Middle School

**Online Registration:** <https://melrospolice.net/school-risk-vulnerability-registration/>

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**Crime Prevention Center for Training and Services, LLC in partnership with the City of Melrose Police Department are offering this course.**

## BIO: Richard Arrington

Richard Arrington is a retired police lieutenant from a mid-sized city. He is a crime prevention expert, published author, and retired Virginia prevention subject matter expert and program manager. He has more than 40 year experience in law enforcement, crime prevention, community policing as well as an instructor. He is the owner and lead instructor of the Crime Prevention Center for Training and Services, LLC, which focuses on proactive policing solutions. He is on several national advisory boards regarding crime prevention.

### Curriculum Vitae

Richard "Rick" Arrington holds a BS degree in Criminal Justice and is a graduate of the North Carolina State University Administrative Officers Management Program. He is a former U.S. Army Military Policeman who later served for over 26 years in various capacities at the City of Roanoke, Virginia Police Department, a city of about 100,000 population.

During his time with Roanoke, Mr. Arrington oversaw the community services unit, which was developed under his leadership as a lieutenant, and included all School Resource Officers, D.A.R.E. Officers, the Crime Prevention Unit and the Community Policing/Problem Solving Unit, as well as the Mounted Patrol. During this time Arrington leveraged grant funds and partnered with the city schools and Dr. James Unnever of Radford University to conduct an early study using the Norwegian-Swedish clinical psychiatrist, Dan Olweus bullying survey in middle school bullying research.

He served in various leadership roles with the state's crime prevention association and led to the creation of the Safer by Design committee within the association to move the concept of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) forward. After the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, Mr. Arrington drew on his knowledge and experience and created an interactive computer-based instrument to assist crime prevention practitioners in conducting security assessments in several different facilities. He later developed a school specific tool and provided training regarding its use through his small Consulting Company, Armor. He trained assessors of the Bureau of Indian Education in West Virginia in 2007 and the tool was to be used to evaluate vulnerabilities in the over 6,000 tribal schools.

Rick retired from the Roanoke Police Department in 2006 as a Zone Commander overseeing one fourth of the city. Less than a week later he was recruited and hired by the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services to serve as the Crime Prevention Programs Manager and crime prevention subject matter expert with the Commonwealth of Virginia. In that capacity he provided technical assistance, developed and presented training on the topic of crime prevention in Virginia. Arrington has been a Virginia certified Crime Prevention Specialist since 1996 and was the fourth in the nation to receive the National Crime Prevention Specialist Level II certification.

In 2013, as a subject matter expert in Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED), he became the principal architect in designing the current Code of Virginia mandated "School Security Checklist," and has trained hundreds of school staff and School Resource Officers in how to conduct vulnerability assessments within schools. As part of this three-day training a local school is assessed under his oversight. In 2013, as part of a subcommittee of the Virginia Governor's School Safety Taskforce, he worked with fire officials, architects and engineers in developing standard consideration for new school construction.

Rick has published numerous articles on Crime prevention Through Environmental Design and other prevention applications in various trade periodicals. In 2007 he published his own text entitled, *Crime Prevention-A Law Enforcement Officer's Practical Guide* (Jones and Bartlett Pub.), which is currently being used by many in the proactive policing field as their desk reference to addressing crime and developing better relationships within their communities. Having presented seminars related to safety in faith-based organizations for numerous years and recognizing a marked increase in the request for this topic in September

2015 Rick published a small text entitled, *Securing the Faithful* (Sunset Institute Press) for Faith-Based organizations. Most recently he was cited in the 2018 released text by Lawrence Fennelly and Marianna Perry, *CPTED and Traditional Security Countermeasures- 150 Things You Should Know*. (CRC Press) Rick opened his full-time training and consulting company in 2018 and with several associates, also experts in their fields, offering training in proactive policing methods, leadership and certification in CPTED. Rick provides consulting services in security assessments and engaging in site plan review for schools, businesses, trail systems, and government facilities.

He is one of less than a dozen professionals to serve on the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries' (ISRI) National Law Enforcement Advisory Committee to address metal theft. Arrington also serves on the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Crime Prevention Committee and served on the IACP 2018 School Liaison Working Group to review past model policies, concepts and issues and make new recommendations. He also served on the National Fire Protection Association's committee on premises security in the recent past.