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RISK SOLUTIONS INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES "UNDERSTANDING SCHOOL SHOOTINGS"

- New Online Training Course -

(November 5, 2007, New York, NY) – Risk Solutions International (RSI), the operational risk consulting firm, today introduced a new online training course from school violence expert Dr. Marisa Randazzo – "Understanding School Shootings." It is designed for K-12 teachers, college faculty and staff, school resource officers (SROs) and security personnel, campus police, counselors, and even parents. The course provides an introductory understanding of the behaviors and warning signs that students have shown prior to carrying out school shootings, and addresses steps that can be taken if such behavior is seen in a student today.

In the aftermath of the massacre at Virginia Tech, and similar infamous killings from Columbine to the recent Cleveland and Delaware incidents, RSI believes it is more important than ever for educators, security professionals, counselors, support staff and others who work closely with students, to gain a basic understanding of the behaviors, communications, and other warning signs that often precede these horrific events.

Research conducted by Dr. Randazzo and her colleagues has shown that school shootings are often planned in advance and communicated to others before the attacks occur. Therefore, they present an opportunity – with instruction – for schools and colleges to plan effective intervention strategies *before* this behavior escalates into the tragic use of deadly force and presents potential legal and insurance liability burdens that districts and institutions cannot easily manage.

Princeton educated Dr. Marisa Reddy Randazzo, President of Threat Assessment Resources International LLC (www.ThreatResources.com) and a member of Risk Solutions International's Expert Advisory Panel, is an internationally noted expert on targeted violence in schools and on campuses and on the practice of violence prevention. She has served as the Chief Research Psychologist at the U.S. Secret Service where she also co-directed a national study of school shootings that was conducted jointly by the Secret Service and U.S. Department of Education.

Dr. Randazzo has trained over 10,000 law enforcement, intelligence, and security professionals throughout the United States, Canada, and the European Union on human threat assessments, preventing campus attacks, bomb threats, managing threat investigations, navigating FERPA restrictions on information sharing, liaising between school security departments and local first responder agencies, and upgrading policies and procedures to meet contemporary concerns.

Her research is used throughout the federal, state, and local law enforcement communities and has been credited in the media with preventing planned attacks. Dr. Randazzo has testified before Congress, briefed Cabinet Secretaries and White House staff, and been interviewed by various major television, radio, and print news outlets for her work on targeted violence and threat assessment. She has published numerous articles on threat assessment and violence prevention and currently serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Threat Assessment.

By collaborating with Dr. Randazzo and the online training experts at Blue Water Partners Global, Risk Solutions International is packaging Dr. Randazzo's consulting expertise in a highly accessible, interactive online course that anyone can take at home or in the office. RSI has found that, while some police and emergency management officials may be exposed to this topic at schools and college campuses, the information is most beneficial when made available broadly to the people who see kids every day – teachers, counselors, and parents – and are in the optimal position to notice the signs of troubled or threatening behavior early enough to manage effective interdiction.

"Understanding School Shootings" is designed to dispel common myths about schools shooters, present major facts about school shootings and school shooters, and discuss implications for prevention. The course is designed in an approachable interactive format, with section quizzes and answers, and a course completion certificate. The course fee is designed to be affordable for everyone and is tax deductible as a professional development expense. Group discounts are available for teachers unions, school districts, SRO and campus police organizations and parent organizations that enroll large groups of people.

"It is possible to prevent school attacks through a team approach," said Dr. Randazzo. "Training can help school administrators, faculty, staff – and parents - to better understand indicators that a student may pose a threat to school

safety. This online training course can be used alone or in conjunction with in-person school threat assessment training, and with other Risk Solutions International services such as campus security assessments, school hostage training and anonymous incident reporting systems, to provide schools, colleges, and universities with comprehensive violence prevention tools.”

To sample “Understanding School Shootings” [click on this link and follow the easy prompts](#). For groups interested in exploring this course for its members, email Scott Corzine at Risk Solutions International at scorzine@rsi-llc.com or call him at 212.842-1582.

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