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Gene Deisinger, Ph.D. is a Managing Partner of SIGMA Threat Management Associates. He also serves as Deputy Chief of Police and Director of Threat Management Services for Virginia Tech.

Dr. Deisinger earned his doctorate in counseling psychology from Iowa State University. He brings a unique perspective as a licensed psychologist, a certified health service provider in psychology, and a certified law enforcement officer.

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

For over 16 years, Dr. Deisinger has provided consultation and training to schools, colleges and universities, governmental agencies, and corporations, assisting them in developing, implementing, and refining their threat management services. He has provided consultation on a broad range of cases, helping organizations to implement integrated case management strategies. He has also been an invited presenter for numerous national and international professional organizations.

In 2008, Dr. Deisinger (along with principal co-author Dr. Marisa Randazzo) published *The Handbook for Campus Threat Assessment & Management Teams*, a practical resource designed specifically for institutions of higher education. The *Handbook* has been recognized as exemplifying best practices for implementing and operating campus threat assessment and management teams.

Dr. Deisinger currently serves as a subject matter expert and trainer for the Campus Threat Assessment Training initiative for institutions of higher education, a program offered through the US Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. In 2009, 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*.

Dr. Deisinger has provided operational support and training for several local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. From 2002-2009, he served as a Special Deputy United States Marshal with the Joint Terrorism Task Force of the US Federal Bureau of Investigation. In 2009, in response to the tragedy at Fort Hood, Dr. Deisinger was requested to assist the Department of the Army in enhancing force protection and threat management capabilities.