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Dr. Gene Deisinger is President of Deisinger Consulting, LLC, a professional services firm specializing in operational psychology, behavioral threat assessment and management services, and organizational development, for an international base of clients in business, education, healthcare, government, military, law enforcement, intelligence, non-profit organizations, and security & protective operations. Dr. Deisinger helps clients develop, implement, and operate comprehensive approaches to threat management to protect organizations through a holistic & collaborative approach to preventing & mitigating harm, sustaining continuity of operations, and enhancing the safety & well-being of the community and its members.

Since February 2015, Dr. Deisinger has been retained as the Threat Management Consultant for the Virginia Center for School & Campus Safety. As an independent contractor, Dr. Deisinger provides training and consultation for schools, campuses, and government & law enforcement agencies across Virginia.

Until his retirement in December 2014, Dr. Deisinger served as Deputy Chief of Police & Director of Threat Management Services for Virginia Tech, positions to which he had been recruited following the 2007 mass casualty incident at that campus. As executive officer for the Virginia Tech Police Department, Dr. Deisinger provided leadership for law enforcement operations to support a safe and secure campus environment and directed the university's multi-disciplinary threat management functions.

Dr. Deisinger earned his doctorate in psychology from Iowa State University. He is a licensed psychologist, a certified health service provider in psychology, and, until his retirement, a certified law enforcement officer.

Dr. Deisinger was a founding member of the Iowa State University Critical Incident Response Team, a multi-disciplinary team that conducted pro-active planning and coordinated institutional responses during crisis situations. Dr. Deisinger developed and directed the threat management team for Iowa State from the team's inception in 1993, until accepting his position at Virginia Tech in 2009.

Since 1994, Dr. Deisinger has provided threat assessment & management consultation and training to schools, colleges, universities, governmental agencies, communities, and corporations across the United States, and abroad. He has assisted hundreds of organizations in developing, implementing, and refining their threat management processes. He has provided consultation on a broad range of cases, helping organizations to implement integrated case management strategies. Dr. Deisinger has also been an invited presenter for numerous national and international professional organizations and governmental agencies.

In 2008, Dr. Deisinger was the lead author of *The Handbook for Campus Threat Assessment & Management Teams*, which is recognized by the American National Standards Institute as exemplifying the standard of practice for implementing and operating campus threat assessment and management teams. Several campuses, corporations and healthcare systems have adopted the *Handbook* as an operating guide.

From 2008 to 2010, 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*. From 2009-2011, Dr. Deisinger served as a subject matter expert and primary trainer for the national Campus Threat Assessment Training initiative, a program offered through the US Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. From 2009-2012, Dr. Deisinger was appointed as a Fellow of the US Department of Education's Higher Education Center for Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention. Since 2012 he has served as a subject matter expert for the White House, and the US Departments of Justice and Homeland Security, in their efforts to prevent violent mass casualty incidents and other insider threats. He has been featured in *Nature - International Weekly Journal of Science*, and in the American Psychological Association *Monitor on Psychology*, and the PBS Special, *The Path to Violence*.

In 2009, following the tragedy at Fort Hood, Dr. Deisinger was requested to assist the US Army in enhancing force protection and threat management capabilities. He subsequently served as a subject matter expert for the Defense Science Board, providing testimony to enhance understanding of targeted violence and application of threat management methodologies in military settings. His contributions were included in the Board's 2012 publication entitled *Task Force Report: Predicting Violent Behavior*.
