

UW-Green Bay: Addresses counter terrorism in a new training series

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Green Bay, Wis.—Attacks of domestic terrorism in the U.S. have increased dramatically in the past decade.¹ In fact, violent extremism has become a serious and complex threat in large and small cities throughout the country. In response, UW-Green Bay has created a training series called “Countering Terrorism” for business and local government officials, managers and personnel to better understand and prevent the threat in their communities and places of business.

“Countering Terrorism” will address key ideological and outsider group influences that may contribute to violent or criminal acts against person, institution or community. The series will be offered in October and November at an accessible price point in an online and interactive format for local, regional or national municipalities. A highlight of the series will be a panel discussion with key officials from Seattle and the Minneapolis area, communities that have been in the national spotlight for incidents of domestic terrorism.

An overview of the series is below:

October 28 (10 a.m.-12 p.m.) — “Naming, Blaming, Claiming Prejudice and Discrimination in Counter-Terrorism.” Presenters: Sean McCandless, PhD, Associate Director: Doctorate in Public Administration Program; and Tyrone Dooley, PhD, Associate Professor, University of Illinois at Springfield.

October 28 (1-3 p.m.) — (Panel Discussion A): “Domestic Unrest: Considerations for the Protection and Safety of Our Citizens.”

Panelists:

- Police Chief Dias from the City of Seattle, Washington
- Fire Chief Scoggins from the City of Seattle, Washington
- Mayor Jaci Lindstrom from the City of Minnetonka Beach, Minnesota
- Police Chief Farniok from the City of Orono, Minnesota

(Panel Discussion B): “Clerks’ Reflections: Don’t Think This Can’t Happen in Your Community.”

Panelists:

- Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk of Seattle, Washington
- Nikki Perez, Clerk’s Office in the City of Madison, Wisconsin (in charge of emergency planning)
- Marie Moe, City Clerk/Treasurer, City of Portage, Wisconsin

October 29 (10 a.m.-12 p.m.) — “Developing a Terrorism Needs Assessment Plan for Your Community.” Presenter: Jim Reseburg, Chief Executive Officer at Emergency Planning Solutions LLC.

November 3 (1-3 p.m.) — “Business Email Compromise Terrorism: The Next Big Digital Threat.” Presenter: Jeffrey T. Lemmermann, CPA, CITP, CISA, CEH, Information Assurance Consultant, Synercomm, Inc.

November 10 (10 a.m.-12 p.m.) — “Don’t Be Held Ransom: Learn Defense Measures Against Ransomware. It Can Happen to You.” Presenters: Mark Eich, Principal, Cybersecurity/SOC, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP-Bloomington, Minnesota; and David Sun, Principal, Cyber Incident Response and Forensics, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP-Arlington, Virginia.

Registration for the “Countering Terrorism” series is now open and available for an accessible fee to public service officials, managers and employees in business and local, regional and national municipalities. A discount will be available to those registering for all sessions in the series.

To learn more about the series, visit the government affairs website at www.uwgb.edu/government-affairs or contact Kassie Van Remortel, Director of Government Affairs and Economic Development at 920-465-2468 or vanremok@uwgb.edu

¹“The Escalating Terrorism Problem in the United States” (Report). Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS). June 17, 2021 <https://www.csis.org/-analysis/escalating-terrorism-problem-united-states>