



SCHOOL SAFETY SUMMIT

2022 SSS Keynote Speaker

Sean Burke, President
School Safety Advocacy Council



Sean is a recently retired Lieutenant in the Lawrence Massachusetts Police Department with 34 years of law enforcement experience, with over twenty-seven of those years directly related to school safety. Sean holds a Bachelor of Arts in Human Services from Springfield College, a Master of Science in Administration of Criminal Justice from Western New England University and is a graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy-Session 239. He served as the first Director of Public Safety for the Lawrence Public School's Police/Safety Department where he established all aspects of the department and managed all safety efforts, including the creation of their comprehensive school crisis plan and completion of a district wide assessment.

Sean Burke is considered one of the foremost experts in school safety and youth violent behavior. He has traveled extensively and spoken before police officers and school personnel from the United States, Europe, Japan, Iceland, Canada, and the Caribbean. Sean has authored numerous articles and research papers and been quoted as an expert source in media journals from across the nation. Sean continues to serve as an on-air expert for numerous media outlets including CBS National News and was honored to be chosen for the cover of Time Magazine's Guns in America edition for his work in school safety.

Sean is considered a school safety expert by both the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of Justice. He was a founding member of their School Safety Technical Working Group and served as a grant review specialist for the United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice in the fields of law enforcement and school safety. He has been invited to the White House twice to participate in presidential programs on school safety and gun violence.

Sean Burke currently serves as the President of the School Safety Advocacy Council and continues to travel, speak and consult for many governmental and non-governmental organizations.

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