

## Social Media and School Safety

80% of school shooters tell someone of their plan. 37% of threats or bullying are sent electronically. 28% used social media. Most recent school violence attacks have had precursors leaked online in the form of social media posts. Knowing where, how, and when to look for this critical information is the current challenge that schools face. Every day, there are posts about challenges such as: sadness, despair, vandalism, crime, drugs, and all types of bullying from children who hope someone is listening. There are simple and free online tools and techniques that all those responsible for ensuring the safety in our schools need to be using on a regular basis. This presentation covers the challenges that those on the front lines are currently facing including anonymous online threats, sexting and sextortion, swatting and doxing. School safety now involves social media and knowing digital threat assessment. Know how publicly available social media must be utilized and assessed to ensure safe schools.