Safety & Security Forum Panelist Biographies
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Jennifer DiStefano, MA, SAC, Student Assistance Counselor, Cherry Hill Public Schools
Jennifer DeStefano has been a student Assistance Counselor (SAC) for 22 years, with 18 years in the Cherry Hill Public School District. She is responsible for the prevention and intervention student assistance program and serve as the Anti-Bullying Specialist at Cherry Hill High School East. Mrs. DeStefano also coordinates programs for students and families. She is a member of the Cherry Hill and Camden County Mental Health Task Force.

Jeffrey Gayle, Director, School Office of Preparedness & Emergency Planning
Jeffrey Gale served with the New Jersey State Police for 26 years, retiring in 2011 at the rank of Captain. At the time of retirement he was Bureau Chief assigned to the Office of Professional Standards. During his career he served as an Adjunct Instructor for the State Police Academy, providing instruction in police leadership and supervision, police professionalism, and internal and disciplinary procedures, developed and provided training for outside law enforcement agencies, and served as Field Training Liaison for the Office of Professional Standards. He has provided security for government officials including presidents and governors, for sites designated as critical infrastructure, and for large venues/events including on and off field security for NFL, NHL and collegiate sporting events and concerts.

In 2011, he began working as an investigator for the New Jersey Department of Education, investigating a wide variety of allegations including violations of proper school security and incident reporting regulations. He currently serves the Department as the Director of the Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning, providing direct support to New Jersey’s schools to help establish safe and secure school environments, and to increase their capacity to respond in the event of crises. He was a liaison to the Governor’s School Security Task Force and has seats on numerous homeland security statewide committees.

Mr. Gayle was instrumental in forming the NJ School Safety Specialist Academy run by the Department and developed much of the curriculum for the four-day training involved. He has trained more than 20,000 school administrators, staff, law enforcement and security officers on a wide variety security-related issues both in New Jersey and nationally. He is a member of the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals, provides trainings on this topic for school personnel across the state, and is currently working to identify and implement a model NJ schools can use to more effectively identify and assess threats in the school environment. Mr. Gayle was recently called to Washington, DC to assist the US Department of Homeland Security and US Secret Service as a subject matter expert on threat assessment to participate in a working group to develop a national community-based threat assessment framework.

Dr. Harry Green, Forensic and Clinical Psychologist
Dr. Green is a graduate of Woodcrest Elementary School, Beck Middle School and Cherry Hill High School East. He completed his undergraduate studies at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, and earned a doctoral in clinical psychology from Widener University’s Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology.

Dr. Green is trained in forensic psychology and personality assessment. He has worked as a therapist with adults and adolescents for the last 24 years. Dr. Green has been utilized as an expert in a variety of
legal contexts including those involving sex offender risk assessment, child custody and parental alienation, psychological fitness for duty, and personal injury litigation. He has also served as a presenter for a number of agencies including for the Bar Associations and family court in several counties and the NJ Administrative Office of the Courts.

**William Monaghan, Chief of Police, Cherry Hill, NJ** Chief William Monaghan has more than 24 years of law enforcement experience with the Cherry Hill Police Department (CHPD) starting in 1995. Chief Monaghan is a graduate of the Gloucester County Police Academy and the New Jersey State Police Academy at Sea Girt. He has a consistent track record of five promotions, from Police Officer to Chief. 

Chief Monaghan is a graduate of Rowan College of New Jersey, earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in Law Justice in 1994. He completed his master’s degree in Human Resources Training and Development from Seton Hall University in 2001. Chief Monaghan also attended several professional development and certification courses including the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command and the West Point Command and Leadership School.

Chief Monaghan has been a member of the Camden County College Police Academy Advisory Board since 2014 and was also a certified instructor for both the Burlington and Camden County Police Academies from 1997 to 2010. The Chief instructed Street Survival for Police Officers, Patrol Concepts, Methods of Instruction and Field Training Officer School.

Under the Chief’s leadership, the CHPD has instituted several community based programs targeted at connecting the youth of Cherry Hill with the Cherry Hill Police Department. These programs include the Cherry Hill Police Junior Police Academy, the Run with Us Not Away From Us Campaign, hosting National Night Out, Police Clubs in both High Schools Cherry Hill East and Cherry Hill West, school-based presentations focused on positive behavior including anti-drug, anti-bullying and anti-sexting programs. The Department also partnered with JFCS to develop This Life Counts (TLC), a suicide awareness and prevention program for tweens, teens and parents.

**Anthony Saporito, Director of Security, Cherry Hill Public Schools** Anthony Saporito started his 5th year as Director of Security for Cherry Hill Public Schools in August of 2019. He joined the district after retiring from Cherry Hill Police Department (CHPD) after 30 years of service. Mr. Saporito held the ranks of Police Officer, Detective, Patrol Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain for the CHPD. He has extensive supervisory experience on all levels of police operations and administration. He served as a member and supervisor of the Cherry Hill Police Special Operations Unit for 20 years. Mr. Saporito has a bachelor’s degree from Glassboro State College and a master’s degree from Seton Hall University. He is also a graduate of the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command.

**Dennis Tully, owner, Ronin Security Solutions** Dennis Tully has more than 30 years of experience in law enforcement, security, risk mitigation, regulatory compliance. He works with clients across a range of private and public-sector enterprises, including private sector facilities in transportation, warehousing, petrochemicals, healthcare, manufacturing; high-profile individuals; as well as schools, churches, synagogues, hospitals, and national charitable organizations. He provides assessments; analyses; strategy and plan development to mitigate risks, enhance resilience and security, and meet regulatory requirements.
Mr. Tully is a retired Captain of the New Jersey State Police (NJSP) whose assignments included twelve years as part of the Tactical Emergency and Mission Specialists (T.E.A.M.S.) Unit, which functions as the tactical unit/SWAT team for the NJSP. His last assignment was that of Executive Officer of the Special Operations Section. In this assignment, Mr. Tully was responsible for, among other entities, the NJSP Deployment Services Bureau (DSB). DSB included the Infrastructure Security Unit which provides professional and technical assistance to schools, critical infrastructure and other agencies through the development of security surveys, vulnerability assessments and Buffer Zone Protection Plans. Additionally, this Unit evaluated and reviewed existing security plans, providing recommendations for modifications and improvements and developed comprehensive security plans.

Since retiring from the NJSP in 2012, Mr. Tully has served as the President of Ronin Security Solutions LLC, a consulting firm focused on making organizations more resilient and secure.

Darryl T. Williams, School Safety Specialist, Office of Preparedness & Emergency Planning Lieutenant Darryl Williams retired after 30 years of service in the New Jersey State Police in 2013 as the Head of the Firearms Investigation Unit. Since his retirement, Lt. Williams has served in the Willingboro and Burlington Township School Districts in school safety and security functions. In addition, he has held positions of Security Manager and Investigator in the Parx Casino in Bensalem, Pennsylvania and the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey.


Lt. Williams has a BA in Criminal Justice from Rowan University (formerly Glassboro State College).

In his spare time, the Burlington, New Jersey resident is active in the American Cancer Society, the American Red Cross and various law enforcement and fraternal organizations.