The Crisis Challenge
The Leadership Role in Terrorism and Mass Shooting Incidents
8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sept. 16, 2016
Omni Hotel Southpark, 4140 Governors Row, Austin, TX 78744

Come listen to and interact with professional community leaders from across the country who have responded to mass shooting incidents. CAPCOG is bringing these speakers together to share lessons learned in response and recovery from critical incidents. A group forum with all our featured speakers will capstone the event.

Take this opportunity to gain insights from leaders who have experienced terrorism and mass shootings to help you assess where your public safety team stands and how you can strengthen your community’s capability to respond and recover from such incidents.

Featured Speakers

George K. “Skip” Noe, Aurora, Colo. City Manager, has served 35 years in local government management positions in Texas and Colorado. He started as Aurora's City Manager in Dec. 2010, and lead the city through the July 2012 movie theater shooting that killed 12 and injured 70. He has held City Manager positions in Kingsville, College Station and Corpus Christi. He oversees Aurora’s $626 million budget and 2,799 full-time employees.

Earl Anthony “Tony” Reavley has served as Hamilton County, Tenn. Emergency Services and Homeland Security Director for five years, but has worked for more than 43 years in the fire service. In his director role, he was part of the leadership who responded to the Marine Recruiter shooting in Chattanooga, Tenn. in July 2015. He is a member of the Tennessee Fire Chief’s Association, the immediate past-president of the Emergency Management Association of Tennessee and a member of the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Fred Fletcher, Chattanooga, Tenn. Police Chief, started with the city in June 2014 and has 22 years of experience in law enforcement including a long stint in Austin. He led the Chattanooga police department through a cross town shooting that killed five Marines in July 2015. During his time in Chattanooga, he implemented community outreach programs to improve the relationship between police and neighborhoods and reduced violent crimes by 14 percent.

Sana Syed, Dallas Public Information Office director, has managed the international media frenzy surrounding the Ebola crisis in the city in 2014. Syed has served as a spokesperson for the city and managed press conferences between city, county, federal and health officials. She supervises a team of 17 employees responsible for the city's external, strategic and crisis communications, media relations, community news website, social media, four public access channels, video production and open records.

Keynote By:
Dr. Jeremi Suri, Mack Brown Distinguished Chair for Leadership in Global Affairs, with UT’s Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, will be the keynote speaker. He has specialties in International Security, Domestic Politics, Modern International Relations, Globalization and International Affairs, and Protest and Dissident Movements.

Welcome By:
John Jones, Texas Department of Public Safety Assistant Director of Intelligence and Counter Terrorism, has worked for Texas DPS for 7 years and served 24 years in the US Navy. During his military career, Jones has led missions to train, equip and deploy special operations squadrons in the Pacific and Middle East. He also has led large cross-functional teams within high-risk areas in both regions. He has partnered on planning and executing counterterrorism operations with other agencies, such as the CIA and the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Afternoon Round Table Discussion includes all speakers.
Ask your questions! Get your answers!

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