

HOUSTON COMPLEX COORDINATED TERRORIST ATTACK PROGRAM



Threat Assessment and Coordination Seminar

GUEST SPEAKERS

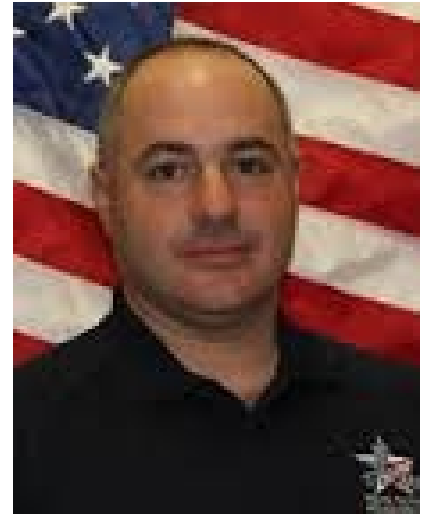
Mohammad Cartoon Festival Terrorist Attack (3 May 2015)

Dan Colasanto

Lieutenant

Garland, Texas Police Department

Dan Colasanto was born in New York and grew up there playing hockey and baseball. He graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering. He was commissioned as an Armor officer after graduation and subsequently served in the United States Army for four years. Lieutenant Colasanto was stationed at Fort Hood with the 2nd Armored Division, during which time he was deployed to the Middle East, leading soldiers in Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm.



In 1992 he joined the Garland Police Department where he started its Police Academy. Dan has served in the Patrol Division, Gang Unit, Narcotics Unit, and Quartermaster. He is currently assigned to the Community Services Division as a Gang Unit Lieutenant and SWAT Supervisor. He has been on the Garland Police Department for 29 years and with the S.W.A.T. Team for 26 years where he has served on the Assault Team as a Rear Guard, Point Man and Team Leader.

Lieutenant Colasanto was the SWAT Team Supervisor during the May 3rd ISIS-inspired terrorist attack in Garland and was responsible for the planning and security of the event which was the scene of the first ISIS-inspired attack on U.S. soil. This event is frequently forgotten because the only people killed were the terrorists who conducted the attack. A security guard also received minor injuries.

Dan Colasanto is the Vice President for the Texas Tactical Police Officers Association and serves as the Intelligence and Terrorism Chair for the NTOA. In February 2021, he earned a Master of Arts degree in Homeland Security with a Concentration in Counter-Terrorism from American Military University.

He has been married to his wife Ann for 28 years and has one son, Daniel who is 24 years old.

Austin Package Bomber (March 2018)

Corey Lain

Major

Texas Rangers

Major Corey Lain serves as the Company Commander of Texas Rangers Company "F", which covers 43 counties that include the cities of Waco, Austin, San Antonio, and Victoria. As the Major, Lain supervises three Ranger Lieutenants who assist him in the supervision of Company "F" that is comprised of 28 Rangers, four Administrative Assistants, and the Program Manager for the Ranger Cold Case Program.

Major Lain is from Mexia, Texas, and attended Sam Houston State University where he graduated in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. He joined the Texas Department of Public Safety in 2000 and served as a Highway Patrol Trooper in Archer and Wichita Counties, then Highway Patrol Sergeant in the Wichita Falls area of North Texas. In 2009, Major Lain joined the ranks of the Texas Ranger Division, Company "C" stationed in Graham, where he was involved in major and high profile criminal investigations throughout Texas.

As the Major of Company "F", Lain serves to lead many Texas Ranger Division initiatives, including the Officer Involved Shooting Investigation Working Group, Region-6 Special Operations Group, the Unsolved Crimes Investigation Program, Central Texas Unmanned Aerial Systems, and commander for major criminal incidents including the Sutherland Springs Baptist Church Shooting in 2017, Austin Bombings in 2018, and the Austin Riots throughout the summer of 2020.

Lain has over 2,700 hours of law enforcement training, is a certified training instructor, and holds a Master Peace Officer certification in the State of Texas. He is a 2015 graduate from the Texas Department of Public Safety Command College, Cohort #2, and graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Academy, Session #274 in 2018.



Chelsea (NY Theater District) Bombing (September 2016)

Kevin Yorke

Senior Investigator

New York County District Attorney's Office

Kevin Yorke has 39 years of law enforcement experience, including 31 years in the New York City Police Department (NYPD). He spent 24 years as a detective, sergeant, and lieutenant, conducting violent crime, organized crime, terrorism, and intelligence investigations.

Kevin was a first responder on September 11th, and right after the attack, he was assigned to the FBI's NY Joint Terrorism Task Force's International Terrorism Branch. He spent 7 years working on some of the country's most serious and complex international terrorism cases.

Kevin then went on to command positions in the NYPD's Intelligence Bureau, specializing in assessing terrorist threats, collecting human and technical intelligence, and analyzing terrorist plots and attacks around the world. Kevin has investigated hundreds of terrorist threats and attacks, personally interviewed numerous terrorists and is a recognized subject matter expert in understanding and responding to complex coordinated terrorist attacks.

Retiring from the NYPD in 2015, Kevin went to work for the New York County (Manhattan) District Attorney's Office as a Senior Investigator, where he focuses on using intelligence to support investigations and prosecutions.

Kevin has a Bachelor of Science degree from New York Maritime College and has a Master's in Public Administration from Marist College. He has completed additional specialized training in terrorism and intelligence topics with the FBI, DIA, and other federal agencies.



Preventing Violent Extremism in the Homeland: The Long Beach Terrorist Plot (April 2019)

Harold “Hal” Kempfer

Founder and CEO

Global Risk Intelligence & Planning (GRIP), Inc.

With about two decades as the Founder and CEO of two dynamic consulting and training firms focused on strategic risk, intelligence, planning and all-hazards/all threats security, Hal represents unique talent along with his firm having an exceptional array of subject matter expertise.



Having supported threat awareness outreach and “liaison officer” programs of fourteen Homeland Security intelligence fusion centers across seven states, from border to border and coast to coast, he has a unique perspective in the area of preventing violent extremism.

Hal is frequently seen on television news as a contributor and on-air “expert”, from local stations to international cable news. A retired Marine intelligence officer with 24 years of service, much of it in the civil-military realm, having been the senior intelligence officer for service, joint and coalition commands.