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 **UTAH
CAMPUS
SAFETY
SUMMIT**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

March 20, 2025 | 9:00 a.m. – 4:40 p.m.

**University of Utah Eccles Alumni House
155 South Central Campus Drive**

FIRST RESPONDER SESSION





Dear Campus Safety Partners,

Welcome to the University of Utah and our 3rd annual Utah Campus Safety Summit. Each year, our goal is to host a forum for meaningful dialogue, relevant topics, and expert insights that address the challenges we all face in ensuring safe campuses for all.

This year's summit brings together an impressive array of participants involved in public safety, including representatives from nearly every higher education institution and technical college in our state, many faith-based organizations, K-12 partners, and representatives from federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.

Here at the University of Utah Department of Public Safety our mission is simple but vital— to diligently work together in keeping our campuses safe and secure for all. Achieving this requires a shared culture of safety awareness and a commitment to information sharing and collaboration within our campus and with partners statewide. Regardless of the organization you represent, each of you play a critical role in enhancing the safety and well-being of everyone who steps onto our school campuses.

For the past three years, this conference has brought together first responders with many others who contribute to enhancing school safety throughout our state and region. We want to hear from you on how this annual event can evolve to address the training needs and challenges facing your educational environment. Inside this program, you will find a QR code where you can leave comments and suggestions about this year's event and future summits. Thank you for being here today and for the caring work you are doing to improve the lives and experiences of all our education stakeholders. Have a great conference!

–Keith Squires, University of Utah Chief Safety Officer



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Utah Campus Safety Summit

WELCOME REMARKS AND MORNING KEYNOTE ADDRESS

9:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.

OC Tanner Ballroom

Second floor

Welcome: Chief Safety Officer Keith Squires

KEYNOTE: Why Do People Engage in Harmful Behaviors?

Presenter: Dr. Chris Linder, Professor of Higher Education and founder and Director of the McCluskey Center for Violence Prevention at the University of Utah

Have you ever wondered why people continue to engage in harmful behaviors, despite knowing that there are consequences for their behaviors? Have you interacted with people who have broken the law or harmed another human and been puzzled about why this person may have engaged in such behavior because they showed up like a “regular” person? In this session, Dr. Linder will examine some reasons why people might engage in low-level harmful behaviors, providing an opportunity for us to collectively consider strategies for intervening with such behavior to prevent more escalated behavior later. Dr. Linder’s research primarily focuses on college students who engage in harmful dating and sexual relationships, and the work has implications beyond higher education.

MORNING PRESENTATION

10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

OC Tanner Ballroom

Second floor

The Future of Policing

Presenter: Monica Alnes Niklaus, Director of Projects, Major Cities Chiefs Association

What is the future of policing? It’s a complex and uncertain idea that depends on multiple factors, such as technology, crime, society, and politics. In this presentation, we will explore how the Major Cities Chiefs Association is monitoring current and emerging technologies, threats, and social phenomena - to help anticipate what police officers around the country might be facing tomorrow, next year or a decade from now. The convergence of law enforcement with AI, robotics, UAVs, biological and chemical trends, and other topics will be discussed in this jam-packed hour. Attendees will walk away thinking about not only the challenges but the opportunities that lay ahead for police, and understand that the time is now, to be prepared for the future.

BREAK

11:30 a.m. – Noon

LUNCH BUFFET

Begins at Noon

LUNCH KEYNOTE ADDRESS

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

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Second floor

Unbroken: Turning Adversity into Strength

Presenter: Command Sergeant Major Gretchen Evans

Command Sergeant Major (RET) Gretchen Evans a highly decorated soldier, Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Combat Action Badge, President Citation Awards, and multiple other awards, served 27 years in the United States Army. While serving in Afghanistan she came under a rocket attack and was severely wounded, resulting in total hearing loss, a traumatic brain injury and multiple other injuries. Her career abruptly ended and like many other Veterans, she faced a long battle of rehabilitation from her injuries, transitioning in civilian life and finding her new passion and purpose.

With the help of her hearing service dog, doctors and her rope team, Gretchen found that healing was more than just about getting better. She authored "Leading from the Front," founded Team UNBROKEN, an adaptive athletic team who competes in arduous races all over the world to include the World's Toughest Race currently airing on Amazon Prime and speaks worldwide about grit, gumption, resilience and hope.

Gretchen shares her story with an authentic voice, humor and life lessons that will resonate with all people.

AFTERNOON PRESENTATIONS

1:20 – 2:20 p.m.

OC Tanner Ballroom

Second floor

How to Enhance and Preserve Information Gain from Interviews with Witnesses and Suspects

Presenter: Dr. Kara Moore, Assistant Professor, University of Utah

Department of Psychology

An important goal of interacting with witnesses and suspects is to gain information to solve a case. There are multiple psychological issues at play when gathering information from people including how well they remember the criminal event and how willing they are to share information about the criminal event. This presentation will cover what psychological research can tell us about how to preserve and enhance memory accuracy and how to detect deception in interviews with witnesses and suspects.

2:25 – 3:35 p.m.

OC Tanner Ballroom

Second floor

How Law Enforcement Officials can Work Better with Higher Education Administrators

Presenter: Paul Timm, Director of Education Safety at Allegion

Too often, security is looked at as a necessary evil. Very few campus administrators seem to prioritize prevention efforts. How can we change the narrative? In this session, we will provide methods to educate administrators in topics such as improving campus stakeholder awareness, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), and emergency preparedness. Attendees will also benefit from important tools and resources.

3:40 – 4:40 p.m.

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K-12 to Higher Education: Creating Consistent Messaging & Security Principles

Presenter: Chief Matt Pennington, Utah State Security Chief, Utah Department of Public Safety

Like other higher education institutions in Utah, most incoming undergraduate students at the University of Utah are Utah residents and come from the state's K-12 school systems. This presentation explores how K-12 security principles can help guide higher education practices by understanding the importance of consistent messaging and training of staff and students as they transition from K-12 to higher education. This presentation will highlight how integrating CPTED, threat management, and Standard Response Protocol is beneficial in addressing the hazards in both educational settings. Attendees will gain actionable insights into creating safer education spaces through adopting K-12 security principles at higher education institutions.



**Scan the QR code
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presenter bios
and photos.**



**We welcome your
feedback and comments
on today's event and
future summit topics.**

The Department of Public Safety would like to give special thanks to all our summit presenters and the many department staff members who have helped make this summit happen. Thank you for your support and partnership!



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