Targeted Violence PREVENTION

Helping to prevent targeted violence by breaking down silos and fragmented responses

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The Public Demands More

- Mass Casualty Attacks
- Increase in Frequency

- Increase in Deadliness
- The Public Demands Answers
Targeted (Predatory/Planned)

Premeditated and serves some purpose for those who plan and conduct violent attacks.

Impulsive/Reactive

Emotional and impromptu. It is frequently a defensive behavior in response to a perceived imminent threat.

These two types of violence are distinctly different.
“Targeted violence is *not* an event. It is a process.”

– Dr. Manny Tau
Clinical & Forensic Psychologist, Certified Threat Examiner
Based On Best Practices

The FBI, Secret Service and academics have been using a system for over 30 years.
Participating Member Agencies

- FBI
- US Secret Service
- ATF
- Border Patrol
- US Attorney’s Office
- NY State Police
- NYS Unified Court System
- Monroe County Sheriff’s Office
- Monroe County District Attorney’s Office
- Irondequoit Police
- Greece Police
- Veterans Administration
- Monroe County Office of Mental Health
- Monroe County Child and Family Services
- College Campus Security (RIT/UR/NAZ/MCC)
- Penfield School District
- Fairport School District
- Wegmans
- Kodak
- Willow Domestic Violence Center
- Hillside Children’s Center
- Villa of Hope
- Veterans Outreach Center
- Humane Society
How ROCTAC Works

**Triggering Event**
Agency conducts initial assessment using standardized protocol

**Agency Presents Case**
ROCTAC provides consultation and resource coordination

**Case Management**
Agency decides to actuate intervention and strategies

- **Initial Assessment**
- **County-level TAMAT**
- **Case is updated & re-assessed bi-weekly**
Any agency, business, police department or school can present a case and they will receive guidance on how to prepare for the meeting.

All responsibilities of case ownership remain with the presenting agency to include case status, documentation, and custody of case files.

All ROCTAC suggestions and case management advice is left to the discretion of the presenting agency.
Concern Reported

- Does it involve a person of concern or a communication by an unknown author indicating Targeted Violence?

Triage

- Does the referral have validity for raising concern for violence?
- What level of urgency is needed for the threat assessment team response?
- What immediate protective measures should be implemented?
- What investigative steps are needed to ensure sufficient information is gathered to enable a thorough assessment?

Assess

- The results of inquiry are assembled to facilitate analysis.
- Threat enhancers are identified and thoroughly discussed.

Manage

- Take steps to protect persons and property from violence.
- Develop strategy plan.
- Monitor for behavioral changes showing escalation or improvement.
- Reassess the person or situation for accuracy and effectiveness.
- The process is cyclical until case retirement.
Balancing public safety with health/wellness needs of the person at risk as well as those affected by the person at risk.

Mental Illness does not equal violence

How do we quantify success?

ROCTAC is about helping people!
Questions?

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