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**Conference Registration**

**Conference Fee**

**\$100 for IAHN Members**

**\$200 for Non-Members**

*(Includes \$99 Lifetime Membership to IAHN)*

**Steps for Cruise Registration**

1. ALL Attendees must register at the "Negotiator Store" at [www.hostagenegotiation.com](http://www.hostagenegotiation.com) to pay the conference fee by credit card. Choose the member or non-member option to complete the transaction.
2. **Don't forget to register ASAP with the Cruise Line to confirm your cruise accommodations.**

All conference attendees must be pre-registered and paid in full by April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (60 days prior to cruise conference). No ship board registrations will be accepted.

Refunds for conference cancellation will only be issued after receiving a request in writing (email request accepted). Request must be received a minimum of 30 days prior to cruise conference. Send request to [iahn1@aol.com](mailto:iahn1@aol.com).

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## Topics and Instructors

### Lt. Rick Elliott

(26 Years Law Enforcement Experience)  
Jonesboro, AR PD

### Westside Middle School Shooting

On March 24, 1998, two middle school students ages 11 & 13 set up an ambush attack on their fellow classmates.

As the middle school began to exit the building due to the fire alarm that was activated by the 11 yr old suspect, the shooters opened fire with a .30 cal. carbine and a scoped 30-06 rifle. 15 people were shot. Though one teacher and four students were killed, one teacher and 9 students survived. The two shooters were taken into custody within ten minutes.

The presentation will cover the crime scene, problems with the news media and the fact that the two shooters have been released from custody without a criminal record. Lessons learned will be discussed.

### Heath Meeks, LCSW, NBCCH.....(Arkansas)

Heath has worked in the behavioral health field for over twenty years and is a licensed certified therapist (LCSW) holding degrees in both Social Work and Psychology. He has provided counseling to both law enforcement officers and victims of violent crimes. Extensively trained in crisis response and recovery, he is a trained mediator, crisis intervention instructor, and hostage negotiator.

As a Nationally Board Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist (NBCCH) he is specially trained to treat traumatized individuals. He has worked with clients and patients suffering from PTSD, depression, panic attacks, general anxiety disorders, family and marital problems, child behavioral problems, and chronic mental disorders such as schizophrenia and personality disorders.

#### The Issue

50 states, the District of Columbia (D.C.), Puerto Rico and the four outlying areas reported data under the *GFS*A for the 2003-04 school year. These states and outlying areas reported expelling a total of 2,165 students from school for bringing a firearm to school or possessing a firearm at school.

## Topics and Instructors *Continued*

### Heath Meeks, LCSW, NBCCH.....(Arkansas) *Continued*

That number translates to 12 potential spree killing incidents PER SCHOOL DAY nationwide! More disturbing is the fact that these potential incidents are the ones we found out about in time.

#### The Factors

-Safety & Security - Socialization - Law Enforcement - Community Education - Family Education - Bullying - Disenfranchisement - Ignorance

#### The Solutions

- \*Planning for the worst
- \*The ticking time bomb (who could be the next spree killer?)
- \*Whys & hows of restoring calm, focus, and community/student/parent/faculty confidence
- \*Suiting up & fallout protection (Who's helping the helpers?)
- \*Post-Venture & return to normalcy (How much & how soon?)
- \*Level of involvement (law enforcement & mental health professionals)
- \*Negotiating tactics and suggestions

### Ms. Natalie Holland

Born and raised in Ukraine (former USSR) Natalie entered the State University of Foreign Languages in 1991. She received special training as a military interpreter in English and German languages.

Natalie graduated in 1996 and began teaching English as a second language to Ukrainian military personnel in specialty courses such as Basic English and Communications.

In 1999 she started lecturing at the State University of Foreign Languages specializing in Russian history, including English and the history of terrorism.

In 2003 Natalie moved to the US as an interpreter for a major communications company.

In 2007 Natalie was accepted to the Saint Leo University Graduate program in Criminal Justice, where her studies have focused primarily on: School Violence, Hostage Negotiations, Leadership and Management and Preventing Terrorist Attacks.

### Beslan Tragedy

- Evolution of terrorism in Russia
- The history of the Chechnya region
- Attack on middle school. Day one
- The Siege. Day two
- The Assault. Day three
- The government response
- Aftermath
- The lessons we should learn
- The failure of negotiations

## Topics and Instructors *Continued*

### Hugh M. McGowan, Ph.D.

Dr. McGowan retired from the NYPD after 35 years of service. In his last 13 years with the department he was Commanding Officer and Chief Negotiator of the Hostage Negotiation Team. During his tenure he personally responded to and coordinated negotiations at over 1,500 hostage, barricaded subject and suicide incidents.

*Dr. McGowan will chair the final portion of our conference with an open forum discussion on the problems and possible solutions involved with school violence. A main topic will be the ability of negotiators of negotiators to negotiate with someone who has already committed acts of severe violence.*

## Re-Certification Information

This training counts as a  
**Re-Certification Phase 4\***  
for all attendees who have  
already been certified as  
**Hostage Negotiators**  
by IAHN/PATC.

*\*To be eligible to receive the Phase 4 Certificate, you must have attended and qualified at our Phase I, II and III courses.*



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