

REMS TRAINER BIOGRAPHIES

Jon Akers

Jon Akers has served as the Executive Director for the Kentucky Center for School Safety since his appointment in December of 2000. He has more than 42 years of experience in public education including 25 years as a principal. In addition to serving as an Associate Principal in two schools (Lexington Junior High School, 1975–81, and Bryan Station Senior High School, 1981–84), he was head principal of both Bryan Station Senior High School (1984–89) and Paul Laurence Dunbar High School (1989–99) in Lexington, Kentucky. Since then, and prior to serving as Executive Director of the Kentucky Center for School Safety, Mr. Akers has served as a Kentucky Leadership Academy coach (mentoring 40 principals) and a Scholastic Auditor for the Kentucky Department of Education.

Mr. Akers was designated one of Kentucky's Distinguished Educators (1996) and was selected as the 1998 High School Principal of the Year by the Kentucky Department of Education. Since 2005, Mr. Akers has served as a consultant/presenter for the U.S. Department of Education (Office of Safe and Healthy Students) in the field of Readiness in Emergency Management for Schools.

Susan Graves

Susan Graves has served the Lincoln County School District on the Oregon Coast as Safety Coordinator since 2001. She oversees all aspects of emergency preparedness and management for 21 public schools/facilities that serve more than 5,500 students and 500 staff. Ms. Graves routinely coordinates safety services with eight government authorities, seven law-enforcement agencies, eight fire districts, six emergency service agencies, three ambulance companies, and two hospital districts. Her collaborative work frequently involves multi-agency, full-scale training exercises as well as presentations for school administration, staff, students, partnering agencies and community groups.

Ms. Graves is a nationally recognized subject matter expert on school emergency management and serves the United States Department of Education as a trainer for schools across the country. She appears frequently on local radio shows and has been a featured speaker for several FEMA, American Red Cross, and U.S. Department of Education national webcasts. She has received several awards honoring her professional achievements, including a national Telly Award and a W3 Award for her series of 24 school emergency procedures training videos. Ms. Graves is a trainer for FEMA's National Disaster Preparedness Training Center, and has produced training videos and publications on a variety of safety-related topics, including work on tsunamis published by the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries. Also a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trainer, Ms. Graves developed a nationally recognized school-based Teen CERT program. She is a licensed Amateur Radio Operator and is trained in the National Incident Management System, Post-Earthquake Safety Evaluation of Buildings, Red Cross Shelter Operations and Management, and holds a national COBRA Certification in decontamination.

Ian Moffett

Major Ian A. Moffett has a total of 20 years of law enforcement experience, and possesses a Master's of Science Degree from the University of Cincinnati and a Bachelors of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Florida International University. He is also a graduate of the prestigious University of Louisville, Southern Police Institute Command Officers Development Course. Major Moffett is the commander for the Miami Police Department's Training & Personnel Development Section and the Director for Miami Police Training Center.

Major Moffett has worked and trained with multiple agencies regarding response to critical incidents and has given countless workshops in the area of youth violence, gang awareness, school safety, weapons of mass destruction, emergency management, and tactical training. Major Moffett is the Vice President for the National Association of School Safety and Law Enforcement Officials (NASSLEO) and a Subject Matter Expert for the United States Department of Education on issues related to emergency management in schools. Previously, Major Moffett was employed with Miami-Dade Schools Police Department for more than 15 years. He held the position of Police Captain and commanded the Central Operations Section managing more than 120 schools and district sites. He was a member of the District's Critical Incident Response Team and oversaw 40 officers and civilian staff. Major Moffett previously managed the school's police department administrative section and was primarily responsible for the budget, training, and accreditation as well as administration of the Gang Free Schools and Community Initiative Grant and the Emergency Response and Crisis Management Grant.

Dr. Marleen Wong

Dr. Marleen Wong is Associate Dean, Clinical Professor, and the Director of Field Education at the University of Southern California (USC) School of Social Work. She is also Principal Investigator and Director of the USC/RAND/UCLA Trauma Services Adaptation Center for Schools, a member of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network. Formerly the director of mental health services, crisis intervention, and suicide prevention at the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), she is identified by the White House as one of the "pre-eminent experts in school crisis and recovery" and an "architect of school safety programs" by the *Wall Street Journal*. A frequent consultant to the US Department of Education and the Department of Defense (Educational Directorate/Pentagon and DoDEA/Department of Defense Dependent Schools), she has helped develop recovery programs for schools and train educators impacted by violence, school shootings, terrorism, and natural disasters in the United States, Canada, Israel, Japan and China.

Dr. Wong served on the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Board on Neuroscience and Behavioral Health, and worked on the IOM Committee that produced the publication *Preparing for the Psychological Consequences of Terrorism*. She is one of the original developers of the Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS) and Psychological First Aid for Schools: Listen, Protect Connect, Model and Teach. Both interventions have been implemented extensively in schools throughout the United States and in Asia. In July 2011, Dr. Wong was appointed to a three year term to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration National Advisory Council and is a member of the 2012 expert focus group on the US Attorney General's Violence Prevention Initiative "Defending Childhood".