Faith-Based Security & Resilience Learning Series

Securing Sacred Spaces

THIRD QUARTER 2022

Thursday, July 28th | 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Register by Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at:
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PRESENTATIONS

Case Study of the 2015 Emanuel AME Church Shooting
Nathan Williams
Former Criminal Chief, United States Attorney's Office District of South Carolina

Hate in Pennsylvania
Lieutenant William C. Slaton
Heritage Affairs Section Commander
Pennsylvania State Police, Office of Community Engagement

The Pennsylvania Governor's Office of Homeland Security (GOHS), and partners, cordially invite you to attend the third quarterly event of our virtual learning series for Faith-based Organizations. This learning series provides valuable information to religious leaders, security personnel and members of houses of worship to enhance security and resilience.

On June 15, 2015, Dylann Roof entered Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina, and murdered nine parishioners during Bible study. Roof was charged with federal hate crimes, tried, and sentenced to death in 2017. Nathan Williams, the former Criminal Chief of the U.S. Attorney's Office in South Carolina, and one of the prosecutors who tried Dylann Roof, will discuss the motives behind Roof's attack, Roof's online radicalization and preparation for his crimes, the timeline of Roof's attack, and the evidence that was used to convict Roof.

What constitutes a hate crime in Pennsylvania? Lieutenant William C. Slaton will provide an overview of the Pennsylvania State Police's Heritage Affairs Section (HAS), and how they can be a resource to your organization. He will discuss the 'State of Hate' in Pennsylvania: Hate Crimes and Bias incidents occurring within Pennsylvania to include current statistics and synopsis; the difference between Hate Crimes and Hate Speech; how to recognize and report a Hate Crime; what to do if you are a victim of a Hate Crime; and the Community Response to Hate Crimes.

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PRESENTER: Nathan S. Williams

Former Criminal Chief of the United States Attorney's Office
District of South Carolina



Nathan Williams is the former Criminal Chief of the United States Attorney's Office, District of South Carolina. As a federal prosecutor he tried two death penalty cases. In 2019, he tried Brandon Michael Council for the Murder of two bank tellers during a bank robbery. Council was sentenced to death after a three-week trial. In 2017, along with four other Department of Justice attorneys, he tried Dylann Roof for the race-based murder of nine parishioners during a church bible study in Charleston, SC. The trial was the first capital prosecution of a federal hate crime and lasted from November 2016 until January 2017. Prior to this work, Williams tried a Charleston banker in February 2014, for attempting to have his estranged wife killed, a trial featured on Dateline NBC and Crime Watch Daily. In February 2015, Williams prosecuted a Charleston area woman who kidnapped her infant daughter in 1994 and was located living under an alias in Australia, her daughter still with her. The extradition, prosecution, and the reunification of the missing girl with her father, were featured on Dateline NBC and CBS's 48 Hours. Williams was an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of South Carolina since from 2009 until 2022, when he left the office for private practice and opened the Law Offices of Nathan S. Williams in Charleston, South Carolina.

PRESENTER: Lieutenant William C. Slaton

Heritage Affairs Section Commander
Pennsylvania State Police, Office of Community Engagement



Lieutenant William C. Slaton enlisted with the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) in November of 2007. Prior to enlisting with the PSP, he was a life-long resident of Camden, New Jersey; one of the most dangerous and crime-ridden cities in America. Lieutenant Slaton faced several adversities growing up in such an impoverished community. He overcame those challenges to become a Pennsylvania State Trooper, and quickly rose through the ranks of PSP. Lieutenant Slaton now serves as the Commander of PSP's Heritage Affairs Section, within their Office of Community Engagement. An elite position which he was appointed to in March of 2017. In his current role, he commands a State Police Tension Response Team that is tasked with addressing instances of Civil Tension, as well as monitoring and responding to Hate and Bias throughout the Commonwealth. Notably, Lieutenant Slaton and his unit have responded to several Hate Crimes against places of worship and individuals of varying faith, to include his response to the 2018 Tree of Life Synagogue Massacre. Aside from responding to Hate and Bias, Lieutenant Slaton and the Heritage Affairs Section also provides training to law enforcement agencies, as well as community organizations on several topics which impact the relationship between law enforcement, minority or underserved communities, and varying religions. To date, the Heritage Affairs Section has trained over 4,000 local law enforcement officers and has spoken to thousands of community members throughout the Commonwealth in an effort to promote cultural competency and understanding.

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