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## 4TH ANNUAL GLOBAL SHIELD NETWORK CONFERENCE BLOOMINGTON, MN SEPT. 29

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual GSN Conference Agenda

0800	Breakfast/Check-In	Parkview Conference Center – MOA
0830	Opening Ceremony	HCSO Honor Guard
0845	National Anthem	
0850	Invocation	Rev. Chris Carr
0915	Video/Welcoming Remarks	
0930	Keynote Speaker: Case Study – 2018 Toronto Yonge Street Van Attack	Mark Saunders, Chief (Ret.) Toronto Police
1030	Break	All
1045	Panel Discussion: How to Successfully Collaborate Public/Private Sector via the Shield Platform	Global Shield Network
1145	Lunch	All
1245	The Violence Project: How to Stop a Mass Shooting Epidemic	Dr. James Densley, Metro State University
1345	Break	All
1400	Lessons Learned and Collaboration During Civil Unrest and a High-Profile Trial in Minneapolis	HCSO Administration
1500	Break	All
1515	Would-Be 9/11 Hijacker: The Zacarias Moussaoui Investigation – Minneapolis JTTF vs. Al Qaeda	Harry Samit, SA (Ret.), FBI Minneapolis Field Office
1545	Closing Remarks	HCSO Shield
1600	Conclusion	All

*\*Agenda is tentative and subject to change*



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### **Mark Saunders, Chief of Police (Ret.), Toronto Police Service**

*“Case Study – 2018 Toronto Yonge Street Van Attack”*

*On April 23, 2018, a 25-year-old radicalized male, drove his van down a busy street in Toronto intentionally striking innocent bi-standards. Ten people were killed and 16 were injured. Chief Saunders will discuss the lessons learned and the techniques that can be used to better protect public areas.*



Mark Saunders retired from the Toronto Police Service on July 31, 2020, with near 38 years of exemplary Service. Over his last 5 years he was appointed as the 10th Chief of Police, which at the time was the largest municipal Police Service in Canada and 4th largest in North America.

Throughout his career, he gained extensive experience in a wide range of assignments in Professional Standards, Urban Street Gang Unit-Intelligence Services, Homicide Squad, Drug Squad, Emergency Task Force, Community Safety, and served as the Unit Commander of the largest Homicide Squad in Canada.

Mark represented the Service on numerous committees and associations that address public safety issues on local, provincial, national and global levels, including, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA), the Police Executive Research Foundation (PERF), the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP), the National Coordinating Committee on Organized Crime (NCC), and the Executive Committee for Criminal Intelligence Service Canada (CISC). He is also a member of the Criminal Intelligence Service of Ontario (CISO) Governing Body Executive and the Executive Committee for the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU). Mark served 4 years on the executive of the Leadership In Counter-terrorism Alumni Association (LinCT-AA), the five eye countries (Canada, USA, UK, Australia, New Zealand) largest counter-terrorism Organization. He served as President during the 2018-2019 term.



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Mark Saunders is committed to continuous education and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Justice Studies. He is married and has four children.

### **Dr. James Densley, Professor of Criminal Justice and Department Chair of the School of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice at Metro State University**

*"The Violence Project: How to Stop a Mass Shooting Epidemic"*

*Using data from his groundbreaking research on mass shooters, including first-person accounts from the perpetrators themselves, this presentation charts new pathways to prevention and innovative ways to stop the social contagion of violence. This presentation will focus on data-driven solutions for exactly what we must do, at the individual level, in our communities, and as a country, to put an end to these tragedies that have defined our modern era.*



Dr. James Densley is Professor of Criminal Justice and Department Chair of the School of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice at Metro State University. He is also co-founder of The Violence Project, best known for its mass shooter database.

Densley has received global media attention for his work on street gangs, criminal networks, violence, and policing. He is the author or co-author of seven books, including, *The Violence Project: How to Stop a Mass Shooting Epidemic*, winner of the 2022 Minnesota Book Award; more than 50 peer-reviewed articles in leading scientific journals; and over 100 book chapters, essays, and other works in outlets such as *The Los Angeles Times*, *Scientific American*, *USA Today*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Washington Post*.



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### Harry Samit, SA (Ret.), FBI Minneapolis Field Office

“Would-Be 9/11 Hijacker: The Zacarias Moussaoui Investigation – Minneapolis JTTF vs. Al Qaeda”



Harry Samit retired from the FBI in April 2020 after a 21-year career as a Special Agent. During his time in the FBI Harry served as a case Agent and human source handler, while also performing collateral duties as a SWAT team member, SWAT observer/sniper, and Special Agent Aviator (Fixed Wing). Harry was assigned to the Minneapolis Division, working high stakes international terrorism investigations of members of Al Qaeda, the Islamic State, and other violent extremist groups. He was the case Agent for the investigation of Zacarias Moussaoui, the only person convicted in a civilian court as a co-conspirator in the 9/11 attacks.

In his final assignment, Harry was assigned to recruit and operate human sources whose task it was to collect evidence and intelligence supporting terrorism investigations. This mission involved planning and then executing complex operations in the United States and in the nations of Europe, Africa, and Asia. During these overseas operations, Harry acquired extensive experience working with personnel assigned to the FBI’s Legal Attaché program and with the investigative and intelligence professionals of many friendly nations.

Before joining the FBI, Harry was an officer in the U.S. Navy for nine years. He was commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Course (NROTC) at the Pennsylvania State University as a Special Duty (Intelligence) Officer. Harry served for three years in Attack Squadron 35 aboard USS SARATOGA (with two operational deployments to the Mediterranean), for three years as a Defense Intelligence Agency Liaison Officer to the Canadian Forces in Ottawa, and for two years as the staff intelligence officer and an instructor at the Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN).



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### Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Administration

"Lessons Learned and Collaboration During Civil Unrest and a High-Profile Trial in Minneapolis"

*Members of the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office will discuss response, planning and collaboration following the death of George Floyd in May of 2020 and civil unrest that ensued. This will also include the planning for the high-profile trial of the former Minneapolis Police Officer and the effect that an officer involved shooting during the trial had on businesses and law enforcement in the Twin Cities area.*

