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NCCSAFE Board Member, Dr. Rafael E. Matos To Hold Virtual Threat Assessment Webinar
Dr. Matos, with more than 20 years military experience, to address law enforcement personnel on the difficulties in forecasting the behavior of criminal minds

BOSTON, MA- On April 24, 2020, at 12 p.m., the National Center for Citizen Safety (NCCSAFE) will host Dr. Rafael E. Matos for a webinar called “The Challenges of Forecasting the Behavior of Criminal Minds,” to talk with law enforcement personnel about what the FBI Behavioral Analysis Unit (BAU) and other groups do to attempt to forecast criminal behavior.

Dr. Matos states that, while not impossible, the mind is a challenging medium to define, understand, and influence. Today, criminal events highly covered by the media, including terrorist attacks and mass murders, have triggered an appeal for social change emphasizing the need to evaluate areas in mental health that might need significant attention. However, in practice, this is an extremely challenging field.

NCCSAFE is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating the public and law enforcement entities, raising awareness, and providing resources for citizen preparedness and safety in acts of domestic terrorism. Dr. Matos is a board member for NCCSAFE, and currently works as a consultant in the Baltimore-Washington, D.C. area, after 20 years of honorable service in the US Navy. Holding a Master of Science degree in operations research from the Naval Postgraduate School and a doctorate in industrial/organizational psychology from Walden University, Dr. Matos is an expert in organizational psychology, decision-making support strategies, mathematical and statistical techniques, modeling and simulation, and other analytic methods.

“Accurate profiles take hard work, examination, and sorting through detailed physical and behavioral evidence,” says Dr. Matos, “There are also questions of interpretation of the hard evidence when it comes to trend analysis of behavioral attributes. This is an area that has experienced continued improvements, but there is still much work to be done by law enforcement and national defense agencies to understand and manage these criminal minds.”

This one-hour webinar will include an informational briefing on how to recognize pre-attack behaviors and assess threats as well as a Q&A section. The virtual presentation will be held online via a Zoom meeting, interested participants can access the event through this [Eventbrite link](#).

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About NCCSAFE

National Center for Citizen Safety (NCCSAFE) was formed as a 501(c)3 non-profit in 2014 with a mission to provide active assailant training, educational defense tools and safety awareness for preparedness of domestic terrorism within the United States. NCCSAFE has conducted training programs for various organizations and held Survivor Strong 5Ks successfully. For more information, please visit <https://nccsafe.org/>