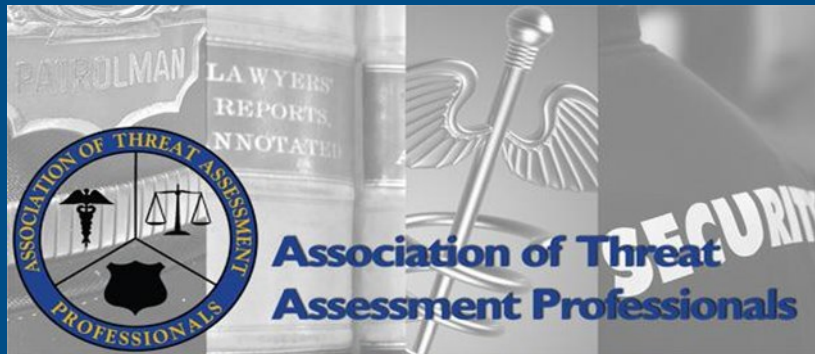


ATAP Northwest Newsletter

March 2017—December 2017



Hello ATAP Members and Friends!

This Winter edition highlights recent meetings as well as upcoming ATAP events, meetings, and trainings. We have continued our Northwest tradition of large turnouts at our meetings this year, as well as at the ATAP Annual TMC in Anaheim, CA. Looking forward to our upcoming meeting in Victoria, British Columbia!



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President's Corner:

Melissa Muir, ATAP NW Chapter President



Welcome to our latest chapter newsletter. This edition highlights our recent meetings and the hard work of our Board and Committees. As 2017 draws to a close, we reflect on the important work members of

the Northwest Chapter have done this year in our teams, our communities, and at a national level. Tragedies in our schools, churches, and communities remind us of the work we have left to do.

This year has been a busy one for the Northwest Chapter at all levels. Thank you to the Board and our dedicated Committee Coordinators – Lauren Cordell, Julianne Abe, Asiyah Iqbal, and Aaron Jensen – for making things happen! As our chapter reaches 300 members, with more than 1700 threat assessment professionals nationally, thank you to our members for their enthusiasm, building teams, sharing across disciplines, bringing ideas and case studies and guests, and all you do to make our Northwest Chapter so successful!

Nationally, ATAP continues to grow. This year's Threat Management Conference had nearly 1,000 people attend – the largest ever. The national Winter Conference will be held again

in Florida at Disney's Grand Floridian Hotel on January 23-24, 2018, featuring a great program with strong representation from the Northwest Chapter.

The Northwest Chapter has several Certified Threat Managers, a distinction hard-earned from mastering an extensive multidisciplinary body of knowledge. Vice President Bryan Flannery and Treasurer Sheldon Beddo have taken the lead in facilitating study groups in Oregon and Washington for other members interested in taking the CTM Exam. We plan to host the exam before our May meeting – please watch for information if you would like to participate.

Our 2017 meetings reflected the diversity of our geography and disciplines. We started the year with our Canadian partners, held our largest meetings ever in Oregon and the Puget Sound, then ventured into Montana, and welcomed our newest members from Hawaii.

Watch for news of our third annual meeting with CATAP in Victoria, British Columbia before heading back to Salem in the spring. At our September and November meetings, we gathered ideas for future topics, and the response was overwhelming. We look forward to bringing in chapter experts, national speakers, and thought-provoking case studies in the new year. Looking forward to seeing you at a meeting in 2018!





Chapter Meeting: Keizer, Oregon— March 2017

For our March meeting, Dr. James Cawood presented *Introduction, Application, and Practice of the Cawood Assessment and Response Grids*. notes on training topics in order to start putting together speaker ideas for 2018. The Honorable Erika Hadlock welcomed more than 100 people to the Keizer Civic Center with a personal reminder of the important work we do.

Dr. Cawood led an interactive half-day session that combined theoretical understanding of an assessment tool with hands-on case studies. The small-group format provided a lively way to practically apply what we learned to real-life assessments.

For those who attended, Dr. Cawood provided his slides and a decision tree for the assessment grids. If you did not get a copy, please email Melissa at missy1905@outlook.com.



Swag!

We have some *very cool* coffee cups, polo shirts, and coins available. If you are interested in purchasing official ATAP swag, let us know (ATAP NW board) and we will coordinate bringing it to the next meeting you plan to attend.



*Coins = \$7

*Mugs = \$5

*XL polo shirts =



Keizer Civic Center

Quotes:

“The more we can prevent targeted violence, the better it is going to be for ourselves and our society.” - Dave Okada

“Threats become more valid as the imagery in the person’s head becomes more clear.” - Dr. James Cawood

Keizer, Oregon



Treasurer's Corner:

Sheldon Beddo, ATAP NW Treasurer

In January, I assumed the role as your chapter Treasurer and as we near the end of the calendar year I want to share some general principles about how your money is spent to host our meetings throughout the year. Our expenses are the costs associated with conducting the meetings and obtaining the speakers. I record these expenses in the following categories: fees to venues, reimbursement to speakers, reimbursements to members, supplies and office expenses, expenses for speakers, and refreshments for the meetings. Our largest payments this year were in the categories of refreshments for the meetings, costs for our speakers, fees paid to venues, and the purchase of the chapter's challenge coins. I provide a detailed financial statement to the board during each monthly board meeting. The chapter's yearly operating budget comes from a portion of the membership dues you pay to ATAP national. This money is transferred to our banking account in December. It is a pleasure to serve as your Treasurer and I look forward to seeing you at an



AETAP Annual:

Dublin, Ireland—April 2017



The AETAP Annual meeting this year occurred in Dublin, Ireland from April 25-27. The attendees numbered over 100 and came from all over the world; 20 countries from five continents were represented, including a number from our own NW Chapter. Participants represented ATAP, AETAP, APATAP, CATAP, and the new African chapter and the speakers were world-class. Topics ranged from lone actor terrorist behaviors to intimate partner violence, workplace violence, close protection, personality disorders, case studies and others. The next AETAP annual meeting will be held in Helsinki, Finland 23-26 April 2018.

Chapter Meeting: Burien, WA —June 2017

We had a great turnout at our June meeting in Burien, WA, at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Center (WSCJTC). We were welcomed by Executive Director Sue Rahr, who shared her work on law enforcement response to an “attack on our own.” Our



main speaker was Andre Simons, Supervisory Special Agent, Behavioral Analysis Unit at the FBI. SSA Simons addressed current trends in active shootings, highlighting

similarities and differences between personally aggrieved and ideologically motivated or radicalized offenders. SSA Simons also addressed the challenges of assessing anonymous threatening communications when the threat-scape becomes "supercharged" during times of high-profile social upheaval or political unrest.



CTM Exam

- The NW Chapter is proctoring a CTM Exam on May 10, 2018, the afternoon before our Puget Sound meeting.
- We have organized regional study groups to help our chapter members get ready for the CTM Exam.
- Facilitators Bryan Flannery and Sheldon Beddo are beginning in the new year with scheduled conference calls and in-person meetings.
- Washington area facilitator Sheldon Beddo: v-shbedd@microsoft.com
- Oregon area facilitator Bryan Flannery: Bryan.C.Flannery@ojd.state.or.us
- The Body of Knowledge and other information regarding the CTM can be found at: <http://www.atapworldwide.org/page/certificationexam>

Chapter Meeting: Missoula, MT—July 2017

Our regional meeting this year was held at the University of Montana and was our first in Big Sky Country. The meeting featured presentations on an overview of threat assessment and ATAP, fundamentals of workplace violence, and a multidisciplinary approach to threat assessment in action. Special thanks to Sheldon Beddo, AS Solution, Microsoft Protective Intelligence; Raymond Fleck, United States Marshals Service; James Sporleder, Regulus Media; and Paul Wulf, Paul Wulf Investigations.



Chapter Meeting: Redmond, WA—September 2017

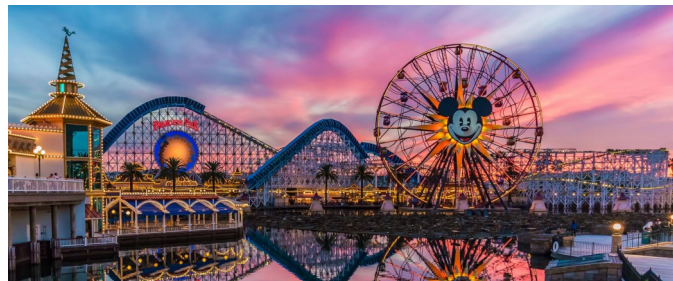


We always enjoy the meetings hosted at Microsoft! At our September chapter meeting, James Sporleder with Regulus Media and other members of ATAP NW discussed understanding the fundamentals of workplace violence as well as how to speak to leaders about workplace violence and how to advocate for a strong prevention program. The second half of our meeting consisted of productive breakout sessions, in which we brainstormed and discussed ideas about future meeting topics and potential speakers.



Threat Management Conference (TMC)— August 2017

We had another fantastic Threat Management Conference this year, with nearly 1,000 participants gathering in sunny Anaheim, California. Thank you to everyone from the Northwest Chapter who helped with door duty and bartending in the hospitality suites! World-class speakers included Dr. Reid Meloy, Bram van der Meer, and Dr. Jens Hoffmann's presentation on adult mass murderers, Sheriff David Ward's on the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge Occupation, the former Dallas Chief of Police David Brown's presentation on an active shooter situation, SSA Molly Amman and SSA Cari Robins' presentation on the FBI BAU's new guide: [Making Prevention a Reality](#), a guide to threat assessment and management of targeted violence.



Chapter Meeting: Clackamas, OR—November 2017



Our final meeting of the year was on November 3rd at the Clackamas County Public Safety and Training Center with Sheriff David Ward from Harney County! He shared his perspective on the 2016 Malheur Wildlife Refuge Occupation. After his great presentation at this year's TMC, we were honored to host him in the Northwest. His presentation was incredibly eye-opening and emotional as well.

Speaking to more nearly 150 in-person or by phone, Sheriff Ward talked about the impacts of social media and how it gives extremists a sense of normalcy. He shared reminders of the immediate, and long-term, impacts this kind of event has on a small community, with many long-standing relationships strained to this day. And he emphasized the value of collaboration. Sheriff Ward praised the Sheriffs Association of Oregon for how helpful it was to have resources and assistance throughout the state: "Having strong associations like this one [ATAP] is imperative to resolving issues in our communities." There was also time at the meeting to discuss the Certified Threat Manager exam and upcoming training topics. Following this meeting, we were able to combine the WA and OR discussion notes on training topics, and start putting together speaker ideas for 2018.

Thank You—P2P Presentation

Thank you to Ninth Circuit Judge Richard Tallman and his staff for hosting a presentation for ATAP law enforcement members. Curtis West presented *The Dark Web: Characterizing P2P and Anonymizing Networks*. He made a complicated topic straightforward and relevant to law enforcement officers from throughout the Northwest Chapter. Thank you!



Social Media



The Northwest Chapter has launched our Facebook page!

Please visit and LIKE at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ATAPNW/>

CATAP Annual



We heard the CATAP Annual this year in scenic La Malbaie, Quebec was fantastic! A two-day workshop held by Bram Van der Meer and Steve Weston was followed by a two-day conference, which featured many of our favorite speakers. We are glad to have such great partners in CATAP.

Congratulations!



National Board Elections

We are proud to have two Northwest Chapter members on the national ATAP Board. Congratulations to **Dave Okada**, new First Vice President, and **Lynn Van Male**, new Second Vice President!

Dave sends this note: “Hey Northwesterners, thanks for all of your support for all of these years. This is still my home chapter and you’re still my family. Looking forward to continued great networking, friendships and leadership from your new NW and National Boards. Thanks for all you do!”

Upcoming Meetings

Please join us at our upcoming meetings in 2018!

January 23-24: ATAP Winter Conference—Bay Lake, FL

February 16: CATAP-ATAPNW Meeting—Victoria, BC

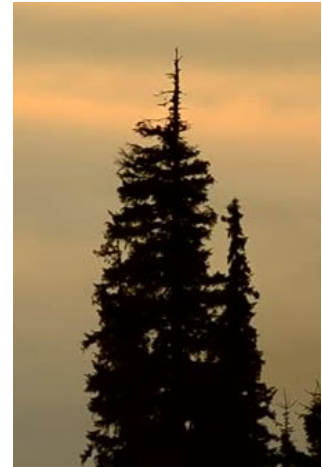
March 2: Salem, OR (**Note: New Date is March 2**)

April 23-26: AETAP Annual Conference—Helsinki, Finland

May 11: Seattle, WA

July: TBD

August 14-17: ATAP Annual Threat Management Conference—Anaheim, CA



ATAP in the News

ATAP President Russell Palarea was interviewed by a reporter with Scripps Media in Denver (ABC 7) for a 30-minute special about preventing mass shootings, titled "America Under Fire." The news story was published and broadcast to Scripps Media's 40 local TV stations (in CA, AZ, CO, NE, IL, FL, GA, MD, and NY). While ATAP's mission was unfortunately slightly misrepresented in the article, it was great to get some publicity!

<http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/mass-shooting/race-to-stop-the-next-mass-shooter>

Articles to Share

Kevin Calder (CTM, CPP, PSP) of K Calder & Associates in British Columbia, wrote an article on protective investigations in the Canadian Association of Workplace Investigators blog. Please visit, here: <https://www.aowi.org/cawi-blog>.

Kristina Anderson of the Koshka Foundation shared a couple of articles as well, in the aftermath of the Las Vegas shooting:

- Dr. Deisinger, one of the contributors, is an ATAP member in DC: <http://knowledge.wharton.upenn.edu/article/happened-vegas-wont-stay-vegas>
- More on a specific survivor recovery: <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/28/us/las-vegas-injured.html>

This article in CBS News also featured Kristina: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/a-mass-shooting-survivors-story-kristina-anderson/>.





Get Published!

The Journal of Threat Assessment and Management wants your case studies.

If you have a case study you'd like to share, please email editor Dr. Stephen Hart or incoming editor Dr. Laura Guy.

As Dr. Laura Guy puts it: *"Everyone can be a contributor to our collective knowledge base. You don't need to be a nerdy academic!"*

Updates: ATAP Nationals

- Nationally, we have 1,860 members, with some pending. We have more than 200 new members to date in 2017.
- The CTM exam materials and questions will be updated later in 2018.
- Nationals will be introducing, over the next month, an internal communications platform for ATAP members called Workplace. Please keep an eye out for the welcome email and instructions for joining.
- The Northwest Chapter anticipates reaching 290 members by our November meeting and **300** by the end of the year!

Highlights:

- 1,860 members nationally
- 290+ members in the NW
- CTM will be proctored in May 2018



Questions?

For any questions, comments, or suggestions for the next newsletter, please reach out to Lauren Cordell at Lauren.Cordell@gatesfoundation.org.

