### **Eric Patterson**

# Special Agent | CATO Program Coordinator / Threat Management Coordinator, FBI Philadelphia Field Office

## **Speaker Bio:**

Eric R. Patterson is a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Special Agent Patterson joined the FBI in 2002, and he currently serves as the Threat Management Coordinator for the FBI - Philadelphia Field Office. As the Threat Management Coordinator, he is responsible for designing and implementing the Preventing Targeted Violence Strategy. He serves as the Coordinator for the FBI's Community Anti-Threats Officer Program, which trains local, county, state and federal law enforcement officers on best practices for preventing targeted acts of violence. He serves as a Co-Coordinator for the Community Anti-Threat Team Program, which provides best practices and training for multi-disciplinary Threat Assessment Threat Management Teams throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He also serves as a member of the Pennsylvania Threat Assessment Steering Committee and as an advisor for the NJ Statewide Threat Assessment Team Steering Committee.

Special Agent Patterson also serves as an Academic Advisor at the Univ. of Penn's Master of Applied Positive Psychology Program and previously as an Adjunct Prof. at Penn State Harrisburg's Criminal Justice Program.

#### **Presentation:**

# <u>Preventing Targeted Violence - Innovative Solutions from</u> <u>Pennsylvania</u>

The presentation will focus on the evolving threats and evolving solutions for preventing targeted violence. Attendees will learn about the following programs being implemented in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: The Community Anti-Threats Officer (CATO) Program, the Community Anti-Threat Team (CATT) Program, the Pennsylvania Threat Assessment Steering Committee (PA-TASC). Attendees will earn about the role of multi-disciplinary Threat Assessment Threat Management (TATM) Teams, and positive psychology's role in TATM.