

Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management

An Investment in the Future of Targeted Violence Prevention & Public Safety

Did You Know?

- **Targeted violence is premeditated.** Often a great deal of research, planning, and preparation behaviors are undertaken prior to an incident—meaning opportunities exist to recognize the warning signs and intervene before it's too late.
- **You can help prepare communities** to recognize potentially threatening and concerning behaviors and prevent incidents of targeted violence through pro-active approaches to threat management.
- **Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM)** is a recognized, best practice approach for preventing targeted violence that helps bridge the gap between identifying potential threats and mitigating them—and allows organizations to invest in prevention in a holistic and meaningful way.



MASS ATTACKS IN PUBLIC SPACES: 2016-2020

Of 173 mass attacks examined:

- 76% of offenders exhibited behaviors that elicited concern in others.
- 46% of offenders exhibited a change in behavior prior to the attack.

Source: US Secret Service NTAC

**TARGETED VIOLENCE
OFFENDERS DON'T "SNAP",
THEY DECIDE.**

Prepare to Prevent – Get Your Community Partners Involved

Targeted violence is not a new phenomenon. The continued prevalence and impact of targeted violence incidents on communities across the United States requires more than preparing to react and respond—we must **"BAND together"** to get ahead of these threats and institutionalize organizational practices that:



- **B - Build** a shared responsibility for community safety.
- **A - Allow** agencies to demonstrate and uphold a high standard of care.
- **N - Normalize** community-based early interventions and supports.
- **D - Diminish** the short- and long-term risk of violent outcomes locally.

A Dynamic Approach Designed to Address Threats – Regardless of Motive

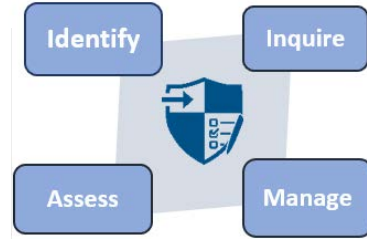
Behavioral threat assessment and management is a systematic, fact-based process designed to help safety stakeholders identify threats and prevent acts of targeted violence.

- Focuses on an individual's patterns of behavior that would arouse suspicion in a reasonable person to determine whether, and to what extent, an individual is moving toward an act of violence.
- A course of action that responds to and mitigates a threat of potential violence, utilizing a multi-disciplinary team and individually tailored interventions.
- **What BTAM is NOT: profiling, predictive, or punitive in nature.**



Evidence-Backed Processes Matter

Having a **standardized, evidence-based process**, and consistently implementing it, can enable organizations to identify, inquire, assess, and manage threatening situations and persons of concern—allowing for effective **resource allocation** and **case prioritization**.



Why Leverage BTAM to Build Community Prevention Capacity Now?

- **Law enforcement cannot do this alone.** Public safety is a shared responsibility – community-centric and multi-disciplinary approaches involving healthcare providers, educators, legal and mental health professionals, and other community leaders will not only foster trust amongst a variety of stakeholders, but better position organizations, large and small, to maximize limited resources against both imminent and longer-term threats.
- **The threat environment continues to evolve.** BTAM offers a behavioral-based approach that allows bystanders and security stakeholders to identify patterns of behavior that would arouse suspicion in a reasonable person before an individual escalates to targeted violence—providing opportunities for intervention.
- **Growing legal realities of operating in the targeted violence prevention space** require that organizations develop defensible, fact-based practices that consistently demonstrate high standards of care and protect against negligence, all while enhancing safety.

Making Prevention Possible Together

Public safety is OUR responsibility. Now is the time to band together to help make our communities safer and more prepared to prevent targeted violence. **BTAM can help you make prevention possible!**



RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE LEARN MORE TODAY

NTER Program Office Resources

- [Master Trainer Program](#) – empowers communities to train BTAM principles and practices.
- [Behavioral Approach to Violence Prevention](#) – outlines concerning and threatening behaviors exhibited across offenders.
- [Foundations of Targeted Violence Prevention eLearning](#) – educates the public on recognizing and reporting concerning and threatening behaviors.

Other Federal Prevention Resources

- [Prevention Resource Finder](#)
- CP3 [Terrorism & Targeted Violence Prevention Grants](#)
- US Secret Service [National Threat Assessment Center \(NTAC\)](#)
- Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) – [SchoolSafety.gov](#)
- FBI – [Prevent Mass Violence](#)
- Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) – [Threat Assessment Training](#)
- National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team (JCAT) – [Threat Assessment & Management First Responder Toolbox Series](#)

