



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

DATE: July 20, 2018
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: James F. Lane, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **2018 School Safety Forum**

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is hosting the [2018 School Safety Training Forum](#) ➡ August 6-8, 2018, in Hampton, Virginia. The Forum will consist of three days of keynote and workshop speakers and the opportunity to network with nearly 1,000 participants in the fields of law enforcement, school security, as well as PreK-12 administration and counseling, and others with an interest in school safety.

The Forum presentations will include drug awareness training by [Jermaine Galloway](#) ➡, emergency planning information and tabletops with [Paul Timm](#) ➡, de-escalation techniques for professionals and students from [Jim Harris](#) ➡, information regarding the impact of hate groups and gangs on schools from law enforcement gang specialists, [The Scarlet Verbs](#) ➡, a band who will sing their way into your hearts and out of stress, legal issues surrounding school safety from [John More](#) ➡, and how to be relentless by [Hamish Brewer](#) ➡.

The 25 different workshop presenters will offer opportunities to learn about many school safety issues that face staff, law enforcement, and our students including autism awareness, active shooter response, bullying prevention, dating violence, drug awareness, school climate improvement, grant application writing, emergency planning, recovery, suicide prevention, trauma informed care, and more.

[Forum registration](#) ➡ is now open. For additional information, please contact Kristina Fawcett by telephone at (804) 225-3948 or by email at Kristina.Fawcett@dcjs.virginia.gov ✉.

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