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Over the last 15 years educational settings like Sandy Hook Elementary, Columbine High School, and Virginia Tech University, have become synonymous with the term “active shooter” on campus. This August, APPA 2015’s opening session will feature three individuals (including two survivors) whose lives changed the day an active shooter showed up at their educational institution. All too well do we know that an active shooter situation is not just a public safety/security issue, as facilities professionals are asked more and more to interact with responders about buildings, mechanical and locking systems, personnel, and overall building management.

On December 14, 2012, Natalie Hammond was wounded multiple times in the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. Natalie Hammond has been an elementary educator for 19 years. She began her career as a classroom teacher. After sixteen years of teaching in third and fifth grade classrooms, she moved to the role of Lead Teacher coaching other teachers and completing building administration duties. In August as she has done throughout the past two years she will be part of the three-person panel to encourage increased “communication and positive partnerships” that lend themselves to preparedness and action not only in Public Safety but with Facilities. Natalie now serves as an Assistant Principal in a Connecticut elementary school and works with her 26 Angels Foundation.

Frank DeAngelis became principal of Columbine High School in the Jefferson County School District in Littleton, Colorado in 1996. Frank was the lead administrator on site on April 20, 1999 when two students entered the high school with weapons; he came in contact with one of the shooters and was able to shepherd students to safety. Frank was looked upon to lead during in the immediate aftermath of the violence that occurred in Columbine. Frank will talk about the importance of being prepared to know your building and understanding the importance of relaying information about systems in your building. He retired in June of 2014 after 35 years at Columbine High School. He is presently serving as a consultant for safety and emergency management for the Jeffco School District and continues to talk with audiences about school security. Frank is actively involved in the Frank DeAngelis Columbine High School Academic Foundation, and serves on the board for the Columbine Permanent Memorial.

Our third panelist is Kristina Anderson, a survivor of the 2007 Virginia Tech tragedy. As a sophomore in college at the time, Kristina was shot three times inside Norris 211, one of the most critically affected classrooms. Since then, Kristina has started the Koshka Foundation for Safe Schools, a nonprofit dedicated to improving campus safety education by incorporating the perspective of survivors and lessons learned from past experiences, to trainings. Speaking to law enforcement, educators, first responders, and the public, the Koshka Foundation shares the importance of personal preparedness, pre-planning for emergencies, and steps to prevent future violence.

APPA is honored to welcome Frank, Natalie, and Kristina to our annual meeting and community for a first time ever panel discussion where they will share their very personal stories. The design of this unique session allows for a lot of interaction between our guest speakers and you the attendee, permitting you to garner the answers to critical questions to bring back to your campus.

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