

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## *RESPONDING TO HATE CRIME*

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Professionals in the fields of both law enforcement and victim assistance feel a growing desire to better respond to victims of bias crime and to work together more effectively. This training will provide law enforcement and victim advocates with up-to-date information and strategies to respond to bias crimes. The training will strengthen the capacity of professionals in both fields to contribute to successful investigation & prosecution of bias crime, and enable these professionals to work more effectively within their own departments and agencies, with one another, and within their communities.

### Featured Presenter Tom "TJ" Leyden

After 15 years as a neo-Nazi white supremacist activist and recruiter, Leyden experienced a profound change of heart, turned away from hate, and began teaching tolerance. Leyden worked for more than five years for the Simon Wiesenthal Center, teaching on the culture of hate and the importance in fighting back against it. He has trained at the Pentagon, the FBI, military bases, and for numerous law enforcement agencies. He has spoken to more than 650,000 students. Leyden has authored two books — *Turning Away from Hate* and *Skinhead Confessions*.

#### **DO YOU KNOW :**

- How to identify and respond to a hate crime?
- The difference in state and federal hate crime statutes?
- The unique trauma hate crime victims suffer?
- The association between hate crimes and terrorism?
- The relationship between hate crimes and gangs?

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