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We can no longer arrest our way out of problems:

Building Communities of Trust to Prevent Radicalization

Whether she's delivering a keynote address or a multiday workshop, Captain Sasha Larkin makes a compelling case for change. Using social identity theory as a launching pad, Sasha will cover how community building helps us cross the cultural divide and join forces to stop violent extremism before it happens. She shares her passion and practical steps for building a collaboration between law enforcement and the people and organizations within a community that decreases crime and prevents social isolation. Some areas of focus include the integration of refugees, religious establishment target hardening, human trafficking, and the role of women in community building.

This customizable program can benefit anyone who wants to improve their community, from first responders and military to non-profit organizations, community leaders and business executives. By the end of the program, you will understand how to identify the needs in your community and develop programs to enhance communication and provide resources for those most at-risk.



Captain Sasha Larkin, a 21-year veteran of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department teaches a proactive approach that addresses ways to work with people before they enter the crime-cycle, while they are in the system, and after they rejoin their community. She shares the story of how a drug dealer on the run led to the development of one of the most robust community policing efforts in the US. She also advocates programs that foster community resiliency because she has seen first-hand that pain will either go towards anger or healing. In fact, she and her team developed and implemented a Fusion Liaison Officer program that is now being modeled around the US. **After hearing her program, attendees are heard saying they have to implement these programs in their communities.** On a personal note, Captain Sasha also teaches yoga classes and stays busy with her son and twin girls!

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Sasha Larkin is a Captain with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, where she has served for twenty-one years. Sasha was recently given the honor of designing, staffing and opening the newest station to be built in Las Vegas, Summerlin Area Command. This state-of-the-art facility was created to meet the ever-expanding population, growth and demand for elite community service. For the preceding two and a half years, Sasha was the commander of Northwest Area Command which encompass over 380,000 residents, 100 square miles and over 200 officers and civilian staff under her direction.

Sasha was originally promoted to Captain leading the Support Operations Bureau, which encompasses Vice, Special Events, Human Trafficking, and the Office of Community Engagement (which conducts all religious and cultural outreach, refugee education, gang prevention, and overt counter-terrorism activities), Homeless Liaison Section, Spanish interpreters, the Patrol Watch Commanders and Laughlin Area Command.

Recognized for her work in community engagement, Sasha was integral in building the Office of Community Engagement (OCE) and the Fusion Liaison Officer Program. These two offices have reached thousands of people from all cultural, religious, and minority communities that would have never otherwise had a voice with the police. She is also Chair of Women of Metro, an outreach organization that mentors woman internally for promotion in law enforcement and hosts a variety of community events.

Sasha has served in a variety of assignments through her career giving her a well-rounded platform to lead from which includes: Patrol, Field Training, Vice, undercover in the Intelligence Unit, a bike officer on the iconic LV Strip, the Problem Solving Unit, as a Sergeant in the Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center, and Internal Affairs, as a Lieutenant in Gangs/Narcotics, and in the Office of Community Engagement.

Sasha teaches all over the world, to include the Naval Postgraduate School, Police Executive Research Forum and US State Department, for the LVMPD in the field of building programs that support the prevention of terrorism and crime, how to build bridges of trust with the community and prevent a sense of isolation, and ensure the police are integrated throughout the community they serve.

Sasha has been honored by numerous community organizations for her work in terrorism, law enforcement and community building efforts. In 2016 she was recognized by the Anti-defamation League as the recipient of the "*Shield Award*" for building one of the largest, most successful Terrorism Liaison Officer Programs in the country, along with one of the leading refugee integration programs nationwide. Sasha has also been honored with *the Community Service Award* by Girl Scouts of America and *Top Cops* in Washington D.C.

Sasha attended the University of New Mexico, majoring in Biological Anthropology and Criminal Justice, receiving her bachelor's degree and currently a part of the Executive Leaders Program at the Naval Post Graduate School. In addition to serving on with the LVMPD, Sasha has been teaching yoga for twenty years and travels around the world to teach and train various yoga disciplines. Her most significant outside accomplishment is being the proud mother of a little boy and adorable twin girls, and wife to a spectacular husband.