

Terrorism: Implications for Community Corrections
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Presenter Biographies

Joseph J. “Joe” Marchese is a nationally known consultant in the area of institutional and community corrections operations with over 35 years of experience in criminal justice. He is especially recognized for his expertise in correctional emergency preparedness, tactical team development, threat assessment and hostage negotiations. At the present time Mr. Marchese serves on the New York State Division of Parole’s Executive team as the agency’s special assistant to the executive director and intergovernmental liaison.

Mr. Marchese served as a police officer, investigator, and senior investigator through 1978. In 1978 he entered the field of corrections as a senior training technician for the NYS Commission of Corrections and had training and standards compliance responsibilities. In 1987 Joe was selected under the Federal Intergovernmental Personnel Agreement to serve a two-year term as a correctional program specialist at the National Institute of Corrections, National Academy of Corrections, then located in Boulder, Colorado. While on assignment Joe was instrumental in proposing and implementing the NIC Academy Regionalization of Training Program which is still in effect today.

In 1990 Mr. Marchese returned to New York and took a position with the NYS Department of Correctional Services as a member of the Training Academy Executive team. In 1991 he was promoted to a project director position at the NYS Division of Parole. In 2004 Joe was promoted to his present position at the Division of Parole.

Mr. Marchese has been an active member of the American Probation and Parole Association and for over 20 years in the American Correctional Association, and has presented numerous professional workshops and served on professional committees. From 1994 to 1998 Joe served as the elected president of the International Association of Correctional Training Personnel.

Mr. Marchese has presented training and technical assistance in the areas of emergency preparedness, hostage negotiations, and tactical team development in over 35 states, the US Virgin Islands, and Canada. In May 2004, Joe provided training and technical assistance in the area of hostage negotiations to the Irish Prison Service at the Prison Service Training Academy in Portlaoise, Ireland. He has a Bachelors Degree from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City, and a Master of Arts Degree in public affairs from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

William “Bill” Sturgeon has over 25 years of experience in the criminal justice field. He is an author, teacher/trainer, practitioner, expert witness, operational/content expert, and is an internationally recognized criminal justice consultant; he has received numerous awards and commendations for his work.

Mr. Sturgeon has been a consultant for federal, state, and county governments, as well as national and international corporations in the areas of management, supervision, security, operations, special operations (SORT), emergency planning, and training. He has served as a technical consultant for correctional training videos, and in 1995 he won a Telly Award for “Best Training” video in its class. Mr. Sturgeon is an operational/content expert in the areas of street

gangs, inmate classification, and jail operations for the United States Department of Justice Civil Right Division, Special Litigation Unit.

In the 1980s Mr. Sturgeon was the chief of security for a counterterrorism project commissioned by the then Sergeant at Arms of the United States House of Representatives. He has worked with a congressional committee on security issues for nuclear power plants and has written on the vulnerability of rural America to terrorist attacks. Mr. Sturgeon has taught emergency planning for several years from a model he developed.

Mr. Sturgeon has also consulted abroad in the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Haiti, and the Republic of South Africa. He has written several articles on a variety of security related topics and has co-authored two books, *No Time To Play: Youthful Offenders in Adult Correctional Systems*, and *Recess is Over: A Handbook for Managing Youthful Offenders In Adult Systems*. Currently, he is the chairperson of the American Correctional Association's Youthful Offender Reentry Task Force.

Mr. Sturgeon has Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts Degrees in criminal justice administration. He is a decorated Vietnam veteran who served with the 101st Airborne Division.