The Allen County School Safety Commission and the Indiana School Safety Specialist Academy Present:

“Tragedy at Sandy Hook: A Parent’s Perspective & Beyond Tragedy: Response and Recovery in a School-Based Crisis”

Presented by:

Michele Gay

Tragedy at Sandy Hook: A Parent’s Perspective
Michele Gay tells her personal story and recounts the lessons she learned on December 14, 2012 and in the aftermath of the Sandy Hook School tragedy. She shares the inspiring way she has chosen to help school communities improve school safety in honor of her daughter, Josephine, and memory of the other 19 children and six teachers lost on December 14, 2012. Michele’s perspective, as the mother of a special-needs child and former elementary school teacher, provides unique insight and inspiration for parents, administrators, school staff, emergency responders and community members who strive to better prevent, respond to, and recover their communities from crisis. Michele Gay and the Safe and Sound foundation bring an important message to our communities, and represent a powerful presence in our national school safety community. This session concludes with a question and answer session.

Beyond Tragedy: Response and Recovery in a School-based Crisis
Michele Gay shares her personal perspective on the Sandy Hook School response and recovery efforts. Based on her own experiences, those of victims, survivors, first responders, community leaders, educators, families, and children in the Sandy Hook and Newtown community, Michele outlines the challenges, successes, and lessons learned in the aftermath of tragedy and loss to better prepare others to respond and recover from school-based emergencies, crisis, and disaster. She shares insights on emergency notification, communication, death notification, protection of victims and victims’ families, mental health needs and services, media management, and financial considerations, as well as other issues surrounding the response and recovery efforts within Sandy Hook and Newtown. This session concludes with a question and answer session.

“Armed Intruder Drills and Threat Assessments: Tools to Increase Staff Awareness and Develop a Survival Mindset.”

Dottie Davis
We must more broadly train our staff to recognize that violence can appear in many forms and not just firearms. Daily across America schools are receiving information that should be classified as a threat. How do you assess the threat level? Who needs to be at the table to make that assessment? What is the training and background of those individuals? What access to information do they possess? Preparation, planning, collaboration and training is key to a successful outcome in a potentially violent situation. Just having an emergency plan on paper and checking a box that you performed an active shooter drill is not adequate.

Cost: There is no cost for this training. Professional Growth Points, CEU’s and Law Enforcement hours will be available.

When: Thursday, October 24, 2019

Where: Purdue Fort Wayne – Walb Union
2101 E. Coliseum Blvd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Target Audience: school administrators, school staff, school resource officers, law enforcement

Agenda: Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.
Training hours will be 8:00-3:30, with a one hour break for lunch
Lunch will not be provided.

Register:
Questions: contact Ryan Stewart at 317-234-1362 or rstewart@doe.in.gov.