

Dr. Kathleen Kiernan

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Full Professional Biography

Dr. Kathleen Kiernan, a mission-driven practitioner and educator at heart, and is the founder of PWPORG, which is designed to bring common sense preparedness skills to kids and families in an increasingly complex world. She believes that the path to preparedness begins with education and communication; skills which are learned and practiced early will last a lifetime, enabling action without fear or hesitation when an ordinary day turns extraordinary.

Working with a team of marvelous volunteers, PWP also publishes a digital magazine for parents, Parents With Preparedness, which takes on the most difficult and most important issues impacting children and family safety to include bullying, school and domestic violence, human trafficking and those kinds of issues hidden in plain sight and sometimes invisible to the untrained eye. Finding and navigating the pathways to joy is at the very core of this organization. The magazine also contains a comprehensive Resource Guide with curated, easy to access materials for busy families.

She is a 29-year veteran of Federal Law Enforcement previously serving as the Assistant Director for the Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) where she was responsible for the design and implementation of an intelligence-led organizational strategy related to explosives, firearms, and illegal tobacco diversion, the traditional and non-traditional tools of terrorism.

Dr. Kiernan is a recognized expert in strategic thinking, strategy development, and facilitating critical incident management exercises for senior leaders across government and private sector organizations. These include national and international level policies related to criminality and terrorism; Active Shooter/Active Threat; Insider Threat, risk management; anomalous behavior detection; continuity of operations, crisis management and crisis communications. In addition, Dr. Kiernan has served as a SME for Risk Assessment and Gap Analysis efforts for some of our nation's most critical assets. She was the Principal Investigator for an international project related to suicide bomber methodology; the results of which informed national level risk mitigation policies and the development of behavioral detection training, as well as counter-measure investment.

Dr. Kiernan is the recipient of a number of national awards to include the Women of Influence-Public Sector award; the American Security Today Platinum Award for Best Educational Program in Homeland Security in 2017 through 2024; and the Illinois Security Professionals Association Excellence in Emergency Management. Other highlights of Dr. Kiernan's credentials include: Chair of InfraGard, now Emeritus, member of the Army Science Board, where she led a panel exploring the transition of law enforcement training and technology to the warfighter; member of the Air Force Strategic Studies Board; former Chair of the Domestic Intelligence Council for the Intelligence and National Security Alliance (INSA); graduate of the FBI's National Executive Institute (Class 26); and a Senior Fellow at the George Washington Homeland Security Policy Institute.

Dr. Kiernan is an adjunct faculty member of the Johns Hopkins School of Education and the Center for Homeland Defense and Security at the Naval Postgraduate School. She is also a member of the AFCEA Intelligence Committee, the Business Executives for National Security (BENS), ASIS International and a member of the Advisory Board for the Potomac Institute, the Washington, D.C. and San Diego Harbor Police Foundations and the Advisory Board for the Center for Advanced Red Teaming at the University of Albany, SUNY.

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