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Dr. Frank G. Straub Joins Safe and Sound Schools as Senior Director of Violence Prevention Research and Programs

Newly Appointed Senior Director of Violence Prevention Research and Programs Brings Decades of Unparalleled Experience

SANDY HOOK, Conn., March 7, 2023 – Safe and Sound Schools, a national non-profit school safety advocacy and resource center that provides research-based tools and support for crisis prevention, response, and recovery, today announced the appointment of Frank G. Straub, Ph.D., as Senior Director of Violence Prevention Research and Programs.

With decades of professional and field experience, Dr. Straub is uniquely positioned to lead Safe and Sound’s violence prevention initiatives. Prior to joining the team, Dr. Straub served in numerous leadership roles, including Chief of Police and Public Safety Commissioner, in educational capacities as an author, adjunct professor, and researcher, and for national and federal agencies and organizations, including the U.S. Department of Justice and the National Policing Institute.

“Having worked alongside Dr. Straub on numerous projects over the years, we’re truly honored to bring him on board to lead our violence prevention research and programs,” said Michele Gay, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Safe and Sound Schools. “Dr. Straub brings an unparalleled depth of expertise and experience to this critically important work. We look forward to working together to ensure safe and sound schools and communities.”

Dr. Straub is as dedicated and passionate in his work, as he is steadfast and committed to the mission and vision of Safe and Sound Schools. Dr. Straub is a proven leader whose vision and expertise will catapult Safe and Sound Schools into the next phase of growth, research, and program development.

“It is a privilege to join the Safe and Sound Schools team in the critical work they are doing to keep our children, schools, and communities safe,” said Dr. Straub. “I share Michele’s vision that we can prevent violence through innovation, research, collaboration, and an unwavering commitment to action.”

Dr. Straub holds a B.A. in Psychology, M.A. in Forensic Psychology, and a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice. He is the author of numerous articles and reports on school violence, crisis response, community policing, and violence prevention.

About Safe and Sound Schools

Safe and Sound Schools is a non-profit organization founded in 2013 by parents who lost children in the Sandy Hook shooting. The organization works with school communities, state leaders, mental health, law enforcement, and safety professionals to develop and deliver research-based tools and support for crisis prevention, response, and recovery. Safe and Sound Schools answers the growing safety needs of school communities with resources like the [Straight-A Safety Toolkits](#), programs like [Especially Safe™](#) and [Pathways for Prevention™](#), and through regional and national in-person and virtual [summits](#). To access programs and experts who can address the multitude of issues that impact school safety, visit www.safeandsoundschools.org.

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