DR. JEFF HOSKING
“CONCEALED CARRY ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES”

Dr. Jeff Hosking is a former Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. He spent time both on Standing Rock Reservation and Chicago, Illinois primarily working violent crimes and counter terrorism. In 1998 he came to Central Wyoming College and took over the Criminal Justice Department. In 2014 Dr. Hosking earned a Ph.D. from Colorado State University. His dissertation is entitled - Campus Security Director Perceptions Concerning the Influence of Concealed Carry Firearms on Safety at Wyoming Public Community Colleges: A Phenomenological Study.

OFFICER STEVEN VAN VALKENBURG
“BOMBS IN SCHOOLS”

During his 16+ years in Law Enforcement, Officer Steven VanValkenburg has served with the Sweetwater County Sheriff’s Office as a Detention Officer, Alpine Police Department as a Police Officer, and also served as a volunteer fire fighter with Green River Fire and Alpine Fire departments. Officer VanValkenburg has worked as a contractor under the US Marshals Service, and Federal Protective Services during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in Louisiana.

Steven VanValkenburg is currently a Police Officer with the Rock Springs Police Department, assigned to the Sweetwater Bomb Squad since 2013. He graduated from the FBI Hazardous Device School in 2016. Officer VanValkenburg has attended ATF’s advanced explosive disposal techniques and homemade explosives courses, and he has instructed explosive classes for Fire, EMS, and Police first responders.

WESANN BROWN AND KATHY CASE
“POVERTY ISN’T ALL ABOUT MONEY”

Wesann Brown has a secondary degree in math education from Black Hills State. She has a master’s degree in administration. She has been with Campbell County School District for 29 years. She has taught 7-12 math/science. She is presently a professional development specialist for the district.

Kathy Case has an elementary degree from Regis University. She has a master’s degree in curriculum and instruction. She has been with Campbell County School District for 26 years. She has taught 2nd, 4th and 8th grade. She is presently a professional development specialist for the district.

They have been trained in the patterns of poverty from Ruby Payne and Eric Jensen and have been actively doing presentations and teaching classes in this area for the past 10 years. Each are adjunct professors for University of Wyoming.

The presentation will include the effects of poverty on individuals of all ages. They will discuss the effects in education, parenting, family dynamics and the work force. Since poverty is not just a lack of money, they will discuss other characteristics that define poverty, such as mental and physical state, support systems, and the ability to succeed.

MR. GREG HOLTMEYER
“HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT”

Greg Holtmeyer, Executive Director of The Phoenix Project, is an educator, advocate, and survivor. His passion is to create awareness concerning the devastating effects of childhood sexual abuse of males. Greg created The Phoenix Project to offer hope, education, support, and inspiration for those who are on their healing journey from sexual and physical abuse. He has done trainings and keynote presentations for small community based organizations, large state wide organizations, national organizations, and he has even spoken internationally. Greg is currently a member of two state level tasks forces, appointed by the governor. He gives voice and attention to the many male victims of sexual crimes who are waiting for support and understanding. People that have attended one of his presentations have used the words “powerful speaker”, “makes this difficult topic approachable”, “provides hope for recovery to those who have suffered”, “very privileged to have the opportunity to hear your story”, and “very mature and articulate in his message”.

In “Hiding in Plain Sight” Greg will share his personal story of childhood sexual abuse, discuss the short term and long term effects of the sexual abuse of males including physical, emotional, and provide some brain research, provide resources for health care providers, survivors, and friends/family members. A question/answer session will conclude the presentation.

CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER GRANT
“GANG RECOGNITION AND RESPONSE”

Captain Christopher Grant (ret) is the former commander of the Rapid City Area Gang Task Force, a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the president of the Midwest Gang Investigator’s Association Dakotas Chapter. For over twenty years Mr. Grant has been providing gang awareness and recognition training programs for law enforcement, educators, civic organizations and community members. He has also spoken at numerous regional and national conferences and has provided consulting services for multiple federal agencies. Mr. Grant is a nationally recognized authority on Native American street gang and prison gang trends. He has worked with law enforcement, educators and community leaders in over 65 tribal communities, providing gang and drug threat assessments and training programs to assist in understanding, recognizing and addressing gang activity in Indian Country.

The presentation will include: The Myths and Truths of the Street Gang Subculture; The Gangster Mentality and the Gang Value System; Contributing Factors and Motivators to Gang Involvement; The Impact of Gang Involvement on Families, Schools, Communities and Individuals. It will also include information on: National Major Gang Trends and the Local Hybrid Gang Connection; Native American Gangs: National Profile and Current Trends; Gang Identification and Recognition: Graffiti - Symbolism - Body Markings - Clothing Styles - Hand Signs; Gang Interaction and Officer Safety Considerations. Wind River Area Gang Trends will be presented by Officer Casey Tadewald.

OFFICER CASEY TADEWALD

Officer Casey Tadewald is a member of the Riverton Police Department, Wyoming. He started his law enforcement career in March 2011 as a Detention Officer for the Niobrara County Sheriff’s Office in Lusk, WY. Officer Tadewald attended the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy for Detention in the fall of 2011. He worked for Niobrara County Sheriff’s Office until May of 2012, then transferred to Fremont County Sheriff’s Office. Officer Tadewald started the Fremont County Gang Task Force. He documented and tracked gang members and their activity within the detention center. He attended the Salt Lake Gang Conference in 2013 and 2014, and also attended the Western States Gang Conference in Rock Springs, WY in 2013 and 2014. Officer Tadewald has attended the Gang Information Sharing class in Casper, WY that is part of the Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs Conference every year. He has presented Fremont County Gang Classes to Fremont County Detention Deputies, Wyoming DOC Honor Farm, Fremont County Boys and Girls Home, Job Corps., and Wind River Police Department/B.I.A.