



Gary MacNamara

Executive Director of Public Safety & Government Affairs
Sacred Heart University

Gary MacNamara is currently the Executive Director of Public Safety and Government Affairs at Sacred Heart University. He spent 30 years with the Fairfield Police Department, rising to the rank of chief in 2010. He has a Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement and Master's Degree in Public Administration. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, and FBI LEEDS Training 61st session. He has been an Adjunct Professor in the areas of public safety, criminal justice, risk management, and leadership.

MacNamara is an instructor of Critical Incident Response, Interview and Interrogation, Auto Theft Investigation, Parent and Child Internet Safety, and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design. He has worked on the development of school security plans, smallpox response plans, as well as leadership in the face of crisis.



Josh Zabin

Director of Security
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Josh Zabin is currently the Director of Security for Ridgefield Public Schools. He served 32 years with the Fairfield Police Department, rising to the rank of Captain in 2010. He is a graduate of Southern Connecticut State University and has attended the Harvard Kennedy School of Executive Education.

As a law enforcement executive, he has learned the importance of developing strong relationships with both internal and external stakeholders and maintaining strong affiliations with local, state and federal partners both for communication purposes and for relevant security issues.

Zabin has consulted in the areas of school security and emergency preparedness training, school security assessments, school emergency planning and crisis communications.