WE'RE TEACHING OUR KIDS TO KILL . . .

with award-winning author and lecturer

Lt. Col. Dave Grossman

and They Like It

The Relationship Between Media Violence and Violent Crime

Cost

Full Conference: $20.00 per person (Lunch and CEUs included)
This option is PRPC-sponsored for qualifying law enforcement officers.

Initial Two Hours: Free for Parents (No lunch or CEUs)
Limited seating available – must pre-register!

Date & Time

Tuesday, January 26, 2010 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. – Donuts and Coffee Provided

Location

Amarillo Civic Center • Grand Plaza Ballroom
401 S. Buchanan, Amarillo, Texas 79101

Located in the southwest corner of the Civic Center; driving directions and map available at www.civicamarillo.com

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Target Audience & CEUs

Law enforcement officers, probation and parole officers, educators and school administrators, counselors, caseworkers, CASA volunteers, nurses, corporate employees (human resources, security, administrative and front-line staff), and all other related professionals. Parents are strongly encouraged to register and attend the two-hour opening session at no cost.

For full conference: Credit hours will be submitted to TCEQSE and TJPIC for approval. CEUs will be awarded for Social Workers and LPC/LMFTs. Amarillo College is approved by the State Board of Educator Certification as a provider of Continuing Professional Education (CPE). Amarillo College Center for Continuing Healthcare Education is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Texas Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation. General CEUs will be awarded to all other participants for individual submission to their respective licensing agencies. For successful completion, this program must be attended in its entirety.

Program Sponsors:
Instructor Bio

Lt. Colonel Dave Grossman is one of the world’s leading experts on interpersonal aggression and violence. He was a West Point Psychology Professor and an Army ranger. His books include the Pulitzer nominate, "On Killing: The Psychological Cost of Learning to Kill in War and Society" and "Stop Teaching Our Kids to Kill: A Call to Action Against TV, Movie and Video Game Violence." Colonel Grossman was a trainer of health professionals, police, and first responders after the school shootings in: Jonesboro, Arkansas; Springfield, Oregon; Littleton, Colorado; West Nickel Mines Amish School, Pennsylvania; and Virginia Tech. He has also presented his findings to over 20 colleges and universities in North America and Europe, was invited to present to the annual conventions of the AMA, the American Psychiatric Association, and the American Psychological Association, and was called as an expert witness and consultant in the Timothy McVeigh, Oklahoma City bombing case and the Paducah school shooting case. He has testified before U.S. Senate and House committees and eight different state legislatures, and his research has been cited by the President of the United States in a national address.

Course Description

This presentation will address several diverse topics which were brought together by Col. Grossman’s military, training, and consulting experiences. Grossman will examine the magnitude of violent crime in the United States and around the world, the factors that all of the school killers had in common, and the role of media violence in contributing to this phenomenon. He will explain how what happens today in the schools can predict what will happen in college, the workplace, and with terrorist threats. Grossman will address compelling data demonstrating the impact of media violence on the brain as well as powerful new information showing a significant reduction in violence and bullying when children’s media use is reduced. He will also explore the role of violent visual imagery (in TV, movies, and video games) in causing the current ‘virus of violence’ in families, and in developed nations around the world.

Course Objectives

Participants will learn to:

• Integrate into their professions an understanding of key new media education tools that have been proven to reduce violence and bullying in schools and communities.

• Integrate into their professions an understanding of (1) the physiological and psychological effects of visual violent imagery, (2) the results of recent brain scan studies demonstrating the effects of media violence on children, and (3) the results of the Stanford Med School SMART Curriculum to cut bullying and violence in half, and to give a double digit increase in standardized test scores.