

## WVPI Holding Violence Prevention 2018 Symposium

March 10, 2018 (Orlando) *For Immediate Release* The Workplace Violence Prevention Institute (WVPI) a Florida not-for-profit organization offering research and training on violence prevention is holding its 2018 Symposium on May 10, 2018 in the large conference room at the Second Harvest Food Bank in Orlando commencing at 8:30 a.m.

**“At the present time there exists a greater chance that an American will be killed at work than in combat,”** says Kathleen M. Bonczyk, Esq. the WVPI’s Executive Director. “During the first 68 days of 2018, nine Americans were shot dead at work in comparison to one member of our armed forces who was killed in a combat engagement in Afghanistan,” explains Bonczyk.

According to the F.B.I., approximately 70% of all active shooter episodes occur in one of two places: Businesses or schools.

“Three of the worst active shooter incidents in modern American history occurred in the last 20 months with two in Florida,” she states. “Two happened at businesses, the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando and the Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, and one at the Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland.”

The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”) advises that 2,000,000 Americans are victims of occupational violence from harassment to assault to attempted homicide to homicide with “many more” cases going unreported.

The Violence Prevention Symposium is an invite-only event for business owners, executives, human resource professionals, safety professionals, risk managers, educational professionals, and others interested in proactive strategies designed to stop violence before it starts. Speakers include Bonczyk, Stuart Silverman, Esq. and Doug Evans. Soliman Productions, Inc. will serve as the event videographer.

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