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Terry Choate and Joe Hileman of Blue-U Defense to address “Sudden Unplanned Incidents of Violence” at April 17 CONN-OSHA Breakfast

WETHERSFIELD, April 16, 2018 – Terry Choate and Joe Hileman, Training Specialists and co-founders of Blue-U Defense of Hancock, New Hampshire, will be the guest speakers at the April 17 Breakfast Roundtable Discussion Group meeting sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Labor’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health (CONN-OSHA). During the event, Choate and Hileman will discuss one of the most-timely issues facing this country: unexpected incidents of violence. Their talk is titled “Surviving the Life-or-Death Gap, Preventing and Preparing Your Business, School Church and Family for a Sudden Unplanned Incident of Violence.”

The breakfast will be held from 8:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. in the agency’s Central Office, located at 200 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield.

Choate and Hileman have extensive knowledge of their subject, points out John Able, CONN-OSHA Occupational Safety Training Specialist and Breakfast Roundtable project coordinator. Choate was team commander of the Monadnock Regional Special Response (SWAT) Team, and for 11 years was a lieutenant with the Jaffrey, New Hampshire Police Department. Hileman served as assistant team commander for the Monadnock Regional Special Response (SWAT) Team, and was a detective with the Jaffrey Police Department, also for 11 years.

“Are you, your family, employees, students and congregations prepared to survive a sudden, unplanned incident of violence?,” asks Able. “As Terry and Joe will detail, our goal must be to truly keep people safe, mitigate risk, and limit vulnerability to organizational liability. Achieving this requires an understanding of the problem. This session – a potentially and truly life-changing course -- will provide you with the foundational aspects of preventing and preparing yourselves, your family, employees, students and congregations to survive any incident of violence. It will also provide you with the basics of each element of the overall plan required to achieve success in your business, school, family or congregation.”

Admission to the breakfast is free, Able notes, but pre-registration is required. To register, or for additional information, please contact John Able at john.able@ct.gov.

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