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Sharon Jones is a Major in the Criminal Investigations Division of the Texas Department of Public Safety (Texas DPS), where she has served since 1997. With decades of dedication to public safety, Sharon manages numerous programs, including the Texas Behavioral Threat Assessment, Intervention, and Prevention Program (BTAM). Under her leadership, a statewide Texas strategy was developed to foster collaboration among the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), other state and local agencies, mental health professionals, and community organizations. This innovative program underscores Sharon's proactive approach to the prevention and intervention of targeted violence. Sharon played a pivotal role in the creation of Texas's "How to Develop and Maintain a Behavioral Threat Assessment and Threat Management Team," providing a critical resource for communities to enhance public safety. Her commitment to crime and violence prevention is further reflected in her appointment to the Texas State Crisis Intervention Program committee, which oversees federal funding allocation for crime reduction initiatives. Sharon's educational background highlights her commitment to professional growth. She earned her bachelor's degree in business management in December 1990 and a master's degree in public administration in January 1992. She is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command, and the FBI Leadership Executive Education Development Association. A master-certified behavioral threat assessment instructor by the Department of Homeland Security, Sharon has trained multidisciplinary audiences and helped establish BTAM teams across Texas. She founded the Central Texas BTAM team, bringing together stakeholders from varying cities, counties, and districts, and serves as the statewide BTAM program manager for Texas DPS. Her efforts include the development of a comprehensive statewide strategy for identifying and managing individuals on the pathway to targeted violence or acts of terrorism. Sharon is actively involved in drafting legislative proposals to enhance Texas's ability to prevent acts of mass violence and terrorism. Her work goes beyond "See Something, Say Something," emphasizing actionable "Do Something" interventions for individuals exhibiting ideations of targeted violence. Additionally, she initiated and developed Texas DPS's statewide BTAM policy. Sharon is a member of several professional organizations, including the International Association of Chiefs of Police, where she contributes to the Crime Prevention Committee. Her dedication to public safety and innovative leadership continues to make a significant impact across Texas and beyond.