

**The HAMILTON FISH INSTITUTE's *Persistently Safe Schools:*
The 2007 National Conference on Safe Schools**



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William Lassiter Serves as the Manager of the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention - Center for the Prevention of School Violence. Lassiter received his Masters Degree in Public Administration from North Carolina State University and began working for the Center in January of 1998 as a researcher. In 1999, he became the project coordinator for North Carolina's statewide school safety tip line and its accompanying educational campaign, Working Against Violence Everywhere (WAVE). By 2001, Lassiter had been promoted to the Center's School Safety Specialist. In this position, Lassiter coordinated a number of projects for the Center including the "What We Want to be is Bully-Free" awareness campaign, North Carolina's annual census of School Resource Officers, the North Carolina portion of the National Institute of Justice sponsored national evaluation of School Resource Officers, North Carolina's critical incident response-kit project, North Carolina's pre-service teacher conflict management project, and the Center's character education effort.

Today, Lassiter serves as the Manager of the Center where he strives to meet its vision of "every student attending a school that is safe and secure, one that is free of fear and conducive to learning." In his current role, he serves on the state Advisory Board to the State Board of Education on School Safety, the Advisory Board for the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center, and the Attorney General's working group on Bullying.

Lassiter has coauthored the script for "A Critical Incident: What to do in the First Twenty Minutes" video and the accompanying "Critical Incident Response Booklet: Recommendations to Schools, Law Enforcement and Emergency Responders for Putting Together the Tools they Need to Respond to a Crisis." Lassiter has been featured on a number of major news networks and national publications including CNN, Fox News, the BBC, USA Today, the Los Angeles Times, the New York Times and many others.

Recent published works by Mr. Lassiter include:

Lassiter, W. and McDaniel, J. (n.d.). ... School under siege... Reality Checking the Security of Our Schools. *Campus Safety Journal*.

Lassiter, W. and McDaniel, J. (2005). Time to Put Your Child's School to the Test. *Southeastern Education Network* 7(2), Fall/Winter 2005.

Finn, P., Lassiter, W., McDevitt, J., Rich, T., and Shively, M. (2005). *Comparison of Program Activities and Lessons Learned among 19 School Resource Officer Programs*. National Institute of Justice.

Lassiter provides presentations and workshops on the following topics:

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- trends in school violence and school violence prevention
- safe school planning
- crisis planning and management / critical incident response
- School Resource Officers
- character education
- student involvement / Students Against Violence Everywhere
- bullying
- conflict management / peer mediation
- safe school tip lines / Working Against Violence Everywhere (WAVE)
- CPI's Nonviolent Crisis Intervention, and
- working with difficult parents