

# Robert J. Martin

## Speaker – Trainer - Consultant



Robert Martin is one of the nation's leading experts on violence prevention and threat assessment. During his 28-year career with the Los Angeles Police Department, his assignments ranged from uniformed patrol and traffic to under-cover vice and homicide. He served as Commanding Officer of Detective Headquarters Division and Personnel Division where he managed the human resources functions for 11,000 LAPD employees. He founded the first Threat Management Unit in the country and was the recipient of the Los Angeles Police Department's Service Excellence Award, Personnel Management Award, Olympic Planning Ribbon, and the Papal Visit Planning Ribbon.

While with the LAPD, Mr. Martin pioneered the first police use of MOSAIC, an innovative approach for evaluating threats to public figures. He was the lead developer of a similar method co-developed with the United States Marshals Service for evaluating threats to Federal Judges, followed by the development of the MOSAIC Method for Assessing Student Threats (MAST).

After pioneering a new approach to specialized gang-related homicide investigations and leading a team that boasted LA's highest clearance rate for homicide cases (98%), he received the Meritorious Unit Citation and a special citation from the District Attorney for "Investigative Excellence." Upon his retirement from the LAPD, he received citations from President of the United States, the Governor of California, the Los Angeles City Council and the Police Commission. In 1987, by a resolution of the City Council, he received a special commendation for his role in the protection of President Ronald Regan.

Mr. Martin also served as Commanding Officer of the Los Angeles Emergency Control Center during the 1994 Northridge earthquake and the 1992 Rodney King riots, when the State of Emergency was declared.

He is qualified as an expert in Federal Court on issues related to threat assessment and is the senior founding member of the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP). He is currently a Senior Advisor for Gavin de Becker & Associates where he served 20 years as Vice President.

Serving as a consultant to the Chicago Behavioral Assistance Team Project Planning Committee, he assisted in the development of a response team to deal with mentally ill offenders. He testified before the President's Commission on Mental Retardation and authored a chapter on the police response to the mentally ill in *The Criminal Justice System and Mental Retardation*. Recently, he authored a chapter on stalking in *Trauma Psychology: Issues in Violence, Disaster, Health, and Illness*.

Mr. Martin served on the editorial staff and as an assistant to the Executive Director for the *National Advisory Commission on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals: Report on Police* and as a ghostwriter for the Executive Director for their *Police Chief Executive Report*. Also, he was a contributing author for the *Model Use of Force Policy* and *Code of Professional Conduct* of the California Peace Officers' Association.

He was a regular lecturer on Criminal Justice matters at the California State University Long Beach, and currently guest lectures at the University of Southern California on issues related to domestic violence. He is also a member of the prestigious National Speakers Association.

Mr. Martin has been interviewed on many national news programs regarding hazards to public figures, stalking, domestic violence, and student violence. He has been quoted in the Los Angeles Times, the Herald Examiner, USA Today, the Hollywood Reporter and the New Yorker Magazine, among others.

He holds multiple California Peace Officers Standards and Training certificates (Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, Supervisory, and Management) and is a graduate of their Career Ethics/Integrity Facilitators Training Course.

Mr. Martin is currently the Chairman of the Board of the Alliance for Hope International. The Chairman of the Board of the Operation for Hope Foundation (which raises awareness of issues related to family violence). The Chairman of the Board of IMPACT Personal Safety. A Board member of Safe and Sound Schools, and Vice President of the Board of For The Child which provides services to abused and neglected children. He is on the Advisory Board of the Communities Against Violence Network (CAVNET), one of the largest internet-based repositories for research related to the prediction and management of violence, and is a Senior Advisor for the Violence Prevention Agency.

