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Over the past decade, violent crimes involving stalking, workplace violence, and attacks (or threats of attacks) on public figures and officials have been prominent in the news. In response, law enforcement and security professionals are turning to prevention as a key component of the strategy to control these offenses. A preeminent organization, the **Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP)**, is dedicated to enhancing the knowledge base of practitioners in this field.

Founded in 1992 by the Los Angeles Police Department's Threat Management Unit, ATAP is a non-profit organization comprised of law enforcement, prosecutors, mental health professionals, and corporate security experts. The Association affords its members a professional and educational environment for the exchange of experience and assessment/intervention techniques, which span all areas of case management. ATAP's ultimate goal is to learn more about how to best protect victims of harassment and threat situations.

While threat cases have been handled on a daily basis by law enforcement agencies for some time, the increase of workplace incidents has created a need to combine forces with the private sector. Through the Association's case study review, perpetrator profiles have been developed, warning signs identified, and preventative measures delineated for victims and others in the workplace environment.

* Brian helped to form the N/E Chapter of ATAP in April, 2003. He currently serves on its Board.

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