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Violent extremism represents an ongoing and growing threat to law enforcement professionals. This presentation will provide an overview of contemporary violent extremist movements, their targets and tactics, and the range of threats posed to law enforcement and the communities they serve.