

Wade Lyons Shares Insights on Technology and Modern Crime Prevention

Former police commander discusses how technology, training, and operational systems are reshaping public safety and risk management.



Austin, Texas May 28, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.Issuewire.com)) - Security consultant and former law enforcement commander Wade Lyons is sharing insights on how modern technology is changing the way organizations approach crime prevention, operational security, and public safety strategy.

With nearly two decades of experience in law enforcement leadership, investigations, recruiting, and training operations, Lyons believes the biggest advancements in crime prevention are not just about equipment or software. He says the real shift is happening in how organizations use information, communication, and operational systems to identify problems earlier and respond faster.

“Technology helps when it improves awareness and decision-making,” Lyons said. “I’ve seen departments invest heavily in equipment while ignoring communication gaps or reporting failures that were creating bigger problems every day. The strongest systems combine technology with disciplined operations.”

During his career with the Austin Police Department, Lyons oversaw large-scale training and recruiting operations, managed crisis incidents, and worked closely with advanced technology systems supporting public safety operations. His experience included managing real-time information flow during emergencies, supporting investigative operations, and helping implement new training systems to improve officer decision-making under pressure.

Lyons says many organizations focus too heavily on visible security measures while overlooking operational weaknesses that create long-term risk.

“Most security failures start small,” he said. “It’s usually inconsistent reporting, poor communication, weak follow-through, or employees bypassing procedures because nobody is paying attention to the patterns. Technology should help organizations identify those problems faster.”

According to industry research, many modern security incidents stem from internal operational weaknesses rather than large-scale external attacks. Lyons believes businesses and public safety organizations need to focus more on training, accountability, and system integration rather than relying solely on reactive security strategies.

He also points to the growing importance of scenario-based training and real-world exercises as organizations prepare for increasingly complex operational environments.

“One of the biggest mistakes organizations make is assuming people will perform well under pressure just because they completed training once,” Lyons said. “Performance improves when teams practice realistic situations repeatedly and learn how to communicate clearly during stress.”

Today, Lyons leads Black Onyx Investigations, a Texas-based investigations and security consulting firm specializing in background investigations, risk assessments, private security consulting, and executive protection services. His work focuses on helping organizations improve operational awareness, reduce risk exposure, and strengthen decision-making processes.

As businesses continue to adapt to evolving security challenges, Lyons believes the organizations that perform best will be those that combine strong operational systems with practical technology strategies.

“Technology should support people, not replace good leadership,” he said. “The organizations that stay ahead are usually the ones paying attention to small operational failures before they become major incidents.”

About Wade Lyons

Wade Lyons is the Chief Executive Officer of Black Onyx Investigations and a former Police

Commander with the Austin Police Department. Over a 17-year law enforcement career, he served in leadership roles involving training, recruiting, investigations, strategic intelligence, and crisis management operations. Lyons previously led the Austin Police Department's Training and Recruiting Division, overseeing training systems and hiring operations for more than 2,000 sworn and civilian personnel. He holds a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from Lamar University and is currently completing an MBA. His work today focuses on investigations, security consulting, executive protection, and organizational risk reduction.

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