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In Extremis Leadership. How do leaders build teams that respond with confidence under pressure? Brian Driscoll, Jr. takes audiences behind the scenes of hostage rescues, counterterrorism operations, and pivotal moments from his FBI career to illustrate the leadership principles behind high-performing teams. Through candid stories and hard-earned lessons, he reveals why leadership begins by earning the right to lead, how calculated risk shapes extraordinary outcomes, and why leaders who put service before self build the trust that carries teams through crisis.

Principles of Effective Conflict Resolution. Brian Driscoll, Jr. takes audiences inside the world of FBI crisis negotiation, where the outcome of a hostage situation or other high-risk encounter often depends less on force than on a negotiator's ability to build trust. In this keynote, he introduces the proven methods FBI negotiators use to lower emotion and guide people toward resolution. Centered on the FBI's Behavioral Change Stairway Model, the keynote reframes conflict as an opportunity to build understanding rather than prove a point. Driscoll demonstrates how the FBI's approach to crisis negotiation can help leaders lower tension, strengthen relationships, and move difficult conversations toward resolution.

Navigating Today's National Security Challenges. As geopolitical competition intensifies, the distinction between foreign and domestic threats is becoming increasingly blurred. Nation-state adversaries, cyber actors, transnational criminal organizations, and emerging technologies are reshaping the security landscape in ways that demand closer collaboration across government, the private sector, and international partners. With decades of FBI leadership experience, Brian Driscoll helps leaders navigate the security landscape, the intelligence required to stay ahead of evolving threats, and how organizations can build resilience as national security and business risk become more interconnected.