

ACTIVE SHOOTER PREPAREDNESS: PLAN TO SURVIVE

This session will focus on how to survive an active shooter event by recognizing the possible signs of an eminent event and what actions to take to survive. The presenter will discuss the trends of active shooters, possible motivations, and commonalties shared by most mass shooters.

A plan for survival will be taught and common misconceptions will be discussed. This session differs from most other active shooter presentations as the speaker will share how law enforcement are trained to neutralize the shooter.

The speaker will provide insights into the responding officers mental state, focus, and goal upon entering an active shooter event so that you will understand what to expect and how to avoid being mistakenly perceived as a possible threat. Law enforcement's response to an active shooter event is very different that all other types of calls for service. The lessons taught in this class apply to all places where people gather, not just a worksite.

Presenter: PAUL WATTS, REGIONAL SAFETY MANAGER FAULCONER CONSTRUCTION

Paul Watts is a retired Virginia State Police Lieutenant who responded and investigated multiple active shooter events during his career including the Virginia Tech Massacre. He personally experienced the devastating and tragic aftermath of mass shootings and uses his personal observations and lessons learned to teach others how to survive an active shooter event by understanding the precursory signs and what actions to take during an event to survive. Paul also shares how law enforcement responds and handles an active shooter event. He explains how law enforcement is uniquely trained to handle an active shooter event and provides his insights and experiences on how to safely navigate and survive the chaos.

Paul enjoyed a 28-year career with the Virginia State Police. During his career he served in many capacities including, tactical team operator/sniper, drug interdiction team member, Special Agent, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation where he supervised the investigations of Violent Crimes, Financial Crimes, Polygraph, Bomb Arson, Pharmaceutical Drug Diversion, and Insurance Fraud. He retired as a Lieutenant.