

The Evolution of the Active Shooter & Critical Incidents: Lessons Learned Three Critical Incidents Later

An in depth look into an agencies experiences, lessons learned and future preparations stemming from Columbine, the Platte Canyon Hostage Situation and Deer Creek Middle School Shooting (with Dr. Benke) occurring over a span of 11 years. Hear what really took place at Columbine, the steps taken after which proved successful at Platte Canyon and the lessons learned again at Deer Creek Middle School in February of 2010. Learn what can be done to prepare your agency, your faculty, your community, and yourself for such an event in your community as we face an ever-evolving challenge of protecting our kids.

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