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I began my public service career as a firefighter while still in high school. I graduated high school in 1998 and enlisted in the U. S. Army. Upon completion of active duty, I enlisted in the U. S. Army reserves and then began my career in Law Enforcement in 2001 with the Dalton Police Department. I continued to serve my community as a volunteer firefighter and a police officer until I was deployed to Iraq in 2003. Upon returning from Iraq, due to illness of my first child, I chose to leave law enforcement full time and accepted a position as a superintendent working on federal, state, and local highway projects in the southeast U. S. My desire to serve my community brought me back to law enforcement as a part-time officer and as an officer in my local fire department until 2013 when I returned to Dalton Police Department full time. I was assigned as a school resource officer in 2015 and have been serving in that capacity since that time. My primary campus has been Dalton High School, but I have had the opportunity to work within all ten of the school district campuses.

I have received multiple certifications during my law enforcement career, some of the most notable have been my Intermediate, and Advanced Police Officer Certification through the State of Georgia, Law Enforcement General Instructor Certification, ALICE active threat response instructor, CRASE active threat instructor, Stop the Bleed instructor, Basic SRO, Intermediate SRO (NASRO), and SRO Supervisor/manager (NASRO).

### **Lessons learned from February 28, 2018 Dalton High School**

In February 2018, I, along with other officers, responded to the report of an active shooter at Dalton High School. A school staff member brought a handgun into school and had barricaded himself into his room. As we responded, we were unaware if students were in the room with the staff member. A single gunshot was heard by school staff from within the room prior to officers' arrival.

Due to the speedy response of the school staff and law enforcement officers, the only injury sustained during this incident was a sprained ankle from a student as she evacuated the building.

This presentation will be a walk through tabletop of this incident, which will allow attendees to place themselves in the shoes of the decision makers that day. After this presentation, attendees will be able to draft a tabletop exercise for their staff based on any scenario and walk through pitfalls in a controlled environment.