

The Parkland School Shooting Through a Police Chief's Eyes

Designed especially for... law enforcement and fire/ems commanders; school superintendents and administrators; university and college administrators; school resource officers and supervisors; school security directors

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On February 14, 2018, a former student entered Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland Florida, killed 17 innocent people and injured another 17 students. Chief Tony Pustizzi (Ret.), a 30-year veteran with the Coral Springs Police Department, along with members of his agency, arrived at the school within minutes. A complex law enforcement approach, including stopping the shooter and extracting victims from within the school, was initiated. He will discuss many of the issues that ensued in communication and leadership that he observed that day and the unique challenges he experienced from his perspective.



Learning Objectives:

Attendees will gain an understanding of the events that occurred that day as well as in the year following this tragic event from Chief Pustizzi's unique perspective as one of the on-scene commanders. He will review his department's response to the shooting and provide an analysis of the lessons learned. Attendees will leave with an understanding of the unique circumstances that contributed to the overall response and communication issues. Some points: dispatch and multi-jurisdictional issues (federal, state and local), active killer training and officer preparedness, coordination with family members (during and after the event), tactical considerations, media and political trap doors.

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