

About the Speaker

Dr. Mike Clumpner is a 33-year veteran of public safety, including 33 years in the fire service, 31 years as a paramedic, and 16 years as a law enforcement officer. In 2025, Mike retired as a fire battalion chief with the Charlotte Fire Department where he commanded one of the busiest of the nine battalions in the city (East Charlotte). Mike also spent nine years as a flight paramedic on a helicopter based at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center, a Level I trauma center. Mike is a 16-year veteran with the Richland County (SC) Sheriff's Department, where he is assigned to the full-time SWAT team as an operator/senior tactical paramedic.

Mike is also distinguished faculty at the University of Maryland where he has taught critical care medicine since 2009. Mike served for seven years as contract instructor for the Department of Justice teaching multiple classes in Quantico, Virginia and various field offices. Mike currently serves in leadership roles on numerous local, state, and federal active assailant work groups. Mike currently serves as the senior active assailant subject matter expert for the Department of Defense.

Mike has three undergraduate degrees, a master's degree, and a PhD in homeland security policy. Mike's dissertation research focused on integrated law enforcement, fire, and EMS response to active shooter events. Mike has spent more than 20 years and 35,000 hours researching active assailant and terrorist attacks.

In 2019, Mike served as the deputy incident commander at a university active shooter event. In 2024, he served as the first arriving fire department chief officer at the U.S. Marshals shooting in which eight officers were shot and four killed. The police and fire departments were able to immediately coordinate and affect the rescues of the eight downed officers.

Mike has lectured at more than 500 conferences on four continents and authored or co-authored 10 textbooks. Mike has trained more than 150,000 responders on active assailant events. Mike is the Founder and President at Threat Suppression, Incorporated.

This course is provided by Davidson-Davie Community College.



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Joint Public Safety Response to the Active Shooter/Active Assailant™

Cost: Free. Lunch is on your own.

When: November 10, 2025, from 0800-1700

Where: Davidson-Davie Community College
Davidson Campus
Rittling Conference Center, Room 202
Thomasville, NC 27360

Register: To register, please click [HERE](#). For questions, email Ashley Ward at ashley_ward@davidsondavie.edu or call 336-224-4785. Pre-registration is required.

This course is ONLY for active law enforcement/fire/EMS/EM responders, 9-1-1 communicators, active military public safety, city/county government officials, school administrators, and intelligence agency members. Official ID required for admission.

Audio and video recording is prohibited during this course.

Course Overview

Since 2009, active shooter events have increased 600% and the number of victims killed at each incident has increased 200%. Recent active assailant events have required public safety agencies small and large to analyze their ability to effectively respond to these types of events. This powerful, fast-paced lecture will discuss many facets of active assailant response across the spectrum of public safety, including law enforcement, fire, EMS, and 9-1-1 response. This course will also present response “best practices” from public safety agencies around the country.

This is not a “typical” active shooter/active assailant lecture. This presentation does not focus on one aspect of response. Instead, this presentation looks at the totality of the event from many different perspectives. Firmly grounded in more than 50,000 hours of Threat Suppression research, this presentation utilizes more than 400 references. The instructor for this course has led 75 large-scale active shooter exercises and commanded two active shooter events. This course will provide decision-makers the right questions to ask so that an optimal active assailant response plan can be created in their community.

Course Participant Comments:

“Very educational and incredibly emotional...”

“As the sheriff for our county, I began rewriting our active assailant plan the day after your course...”

“This is exactly the class our fire department command staff wanted...”

“Thoroughly documented, outstanding presentation...”

“This class needs to be mandatory for every law enforcement officer in this country...”

“The most heavily researched active assailant course available...”

“An invaluable resource for tactical decision-making at mass violence events...”

“I’ve been an active shooter instructor for 20 years; this class taught me more than any other active shooter course I’ve ever attended...”

“By far the best class I’ve had in my 35-year law enforcement career...”

“We are making this class mandatory for all of our county’s first responders...”

“Invaluable information for school administrators and staff...”

“Finally, a class that puts all of the pieces together for active assailant response...”



What Will Be Discussed

- The evolution of the active assailant perpetrator
- The active assailant and variety of hostile events
- Psychology and “profile” of the school shooter, the adult active shooter, and terrorism-motivated shooter
- The concept of “threat leakage” and prevention of active assailant events
- Previous active assailant response tactics and the need for change
- Law enforcement, fire, and EMS response priorities and considerations at active assailant events
- Asymmetric attack tactics used by active assailants, including fire-as-a-weapon, explosives, vehicle-as-a-weapon, denial-of-entry tactics, and chemical munitions
- The dynamics of complex, coordinated terrorist events
- Different integration models
- Research on preventable deaths at active assailant events
- Hostile event prehospital medical best practices
- Transitioning between active assailant and hostage/barricade
- General considerations for public safety response including, 911 response, media affairs, and post-event actions
- NFPA 3000 and the implications for response agencies
- Lessons learned from multiple active assailant events



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