

Mike Bolender's BIO – Overview of the Peaceful Warrior Training Group's Active Threat /Shooter Program



Mike Bolender has been a member of the Oak Creek Police Department for 28 years and is currently assigned as the Operations Captain overseeing the Patrol Division and the Communication Center. Mike Bolender has responded to two active shooter incidents. The first active shooter was in 2004 at Comfort Suites as one of Oak Creek's SWAT Team Leaders, Mike and his team took the shooter into custody after the shooter killed several people and then barricaded with a hostage in a room. After this first active shooter Mike began researching and studying current active shooter response protocols and identified several gaps in trained responses.

In 2012 Mike was involved in his second active shooter at the Sikh Temple in which Capt. Bolender was tasked with being the incident commander overseeing law enforcement operations and response to the shooting at the Sikh Temple. After Mike's involvement in two active shooters he saw firsthand the tragic effects and short comings of current active shooter response protocols taught to most. With this motivation Mike and his Team created a three pronged holistic active threat program to provide would be "victims" with lifesaving preventative measures, in depth response alternatives and "First Care" – Trauma treatment for the innocent bystander so communities might "never again" have to deal with the horrific outcomes of an active threat/shooter. Mike and his Team created a three pronged approach to Active Shooter Events which no other program in the country contains.