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**About your Presenter**

Michael Dorn believes that children can learn more if they attend a safe, orderly school which provides a caring and supportive environment. He also believes that every person in this room has incredible power to profoundly affect the lives of children. An international authority who has keynoted from Virginia to Vietnam and from Trinidad-Tobago to Toronto, Michael Dorn serves as the Executive Director of Safe Havens International Inc., a non-profit global school safety center. Safe Havens analysts have assisted with school safety, security, climate, culture and emergency preparedness assessments for more than 7,800 public, charter, faith-based and independent schools. Michael has provided post-incident assistance for 17 active shooter and targeted shootings in U.S., Canadian and Mexican K12 schools.

Michael began his 35-year career as a Mercer University police officer at the age of 18 and was promoted three times before being appointed as the Chief of the Bibb County, Georgia School System Police Department at the age of 27 where he served for ten years. Michael was appointed as the School Safety Specialist of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency – Office of the Governor in August 1999. In April 2003, he was selected as the State Antiterrorism Planner and a few months later named Lead Program Manager for the Terrorism Division in the Georgia Office of Homeland Security. Michael also served as the Senior Analyst for School Safety and Emergency Preparedness for Jane’s Defense.

A prolific writer having authored and co-authored 27 books on school safety and emergency management, Michael is a graduate of the 181st session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy. He was selected for a fellowship to participate in a delegation of law enforcement executives to the State of Israel in June of 1998 and received two weeks of intensive antiterrorism training by the Israel National Police, Israel Defense Forces, and Israeli intelligence services. Michael's work has taken him to Mexico, Canada, Central America, the Caribbean, Europe, Africa, India, Asia and the Middle East. Michael was selected along with five other Safe Havens analysts to co-author the IS360 active shooter training program for the 2013 White House School Safety Initiative, and his latest book, *Staying Alive – How to Act Fast and Survive Deadly Encounters* was released by Barron’s in bookstores in 2014. Michael is working on his next book, which is a 600-page university textbook - *Extreme Violence: Understanding and Protecting People from Active Assailants, Hate Crimes and Terrorist Attacks* due for publication by Cognella in 2019.

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**Free resources**

- Federal emergency management agency
- United States Department of Education
- Safe Havens International ([www.safehavensinternational.org](http://www.safehavensinternational.org))
Sections Covered:

- School safety myths
- Measuring school safety fidelity
- Will one attack render your approaches obsolete?

Section One – School Safety Myths
Key points
- Catastrophic acts of school violence have been occurring in the United States with some regularity for more than 150 years.
- Catastrophic acts of school violence are far from unique to the United States.

Other points of interest:
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Section Two – Measuring School Safety Fidelity
Key points
- Have you tested and measured the effectiveness and fidelity of what you do?
- School safety efforts should address the most likely as well as the most rare but catastrophic types of events.
- Time, energy and money must all be considered in balance with these risks.

Other points of interest:
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Section Three – Will One Attack Render Your Approach Obsolete
Key points
- Attack methods change continually.
- Many active assailant preparedness approaches are based on inaccurate information.
- Many active assailant preparedness programs are too limited to be reliable.

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