
5/3 Tower Active Shooter Response

Law Enforcement Personnel Only

On September 6, 2018 a lone gunman walked into the 5/3rd Bank Tower in the heart of Downtown Cincinnati and began indiscriminately shooting employees of the facility. Within four minutes of the first shot Cincinnati Police Officers were on scene and quickly eliminated the threat to the nearly 1,000 workers on the upper floors of the tower.

This presentation is a summary of the events of that day, how officers responded and how the Department communicated with the general public during and after the incident.

Due to the sensitive nature of this presentation, it is currently approved for law enforcement only.

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Lieutenant Saunders has been a member of the Cincinnati Police Department since 1990. Steve was promoted to Police Lieutenant in 2015 and has served in a variety of specialized roles, including; Neighborhood Officer, Mountain Bike Patrol, SWAT, Police Academy Recruit Advisor and Instructor, and Internal Investigations, and the Recruitment and Background Squad Supervisor. Lieutenant Saunders currently manages the Community Relations Unit and also serves as the Cincinnati Police Department's Public Information Officer.

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