



SPEAKERS BUREAU



Presentation Information

Presentation Category	Miscellaneous Topics
Presentation Title	Navigating Complex Critical Incidents with Multi-Jurisdictional Partners - The Manhunt for Markeith Loyd
Presentation Length	180 Minutes
Presentation Objective	This presentation will provide an in-depth overview of the homicide and ensuing manhunt. Details will be shared regarding jurisdictional considerations, critical resource management, investigative techniques, challenges faced, and operational decisions made during the incident, including prosecutorial venue. Chief Goerke will also share lessons learned from the event to assist Emergency Managers in better preparing for critical incidents involving large-scale incidents.
Presentation Description	<p>On January 9, 2017, at approximately 7:17 A.M., Markeith Loyd, wanted for the homicide of his pregnant girlfriend, shot and killed Orlando Police Lieutenant Debra Clayton in a Walmart parking lot as she attempted to take him into custody. Loyd was able to escape after carjacking another citizen and shooting at a responding Deputy. The following 9-days were marked by an epic manhunt that involved hundreds of Police Officers, Deputies, and State and Federal Agencies, each with overwhelming support and resources.</p> <p>This presentation will provide an in-depth overview of the homicide and ensuing manhunt. Details will be shared regarding jurisdictional considerations, critical resource management, investigative techniques, challenges faced, and operational decisions made during the incident, including prosecutorial venue. Chief Goerke will also share lessons</p>

	<p>learned from the event to assist Emergency Managers in better preparing for critical incidents involving large-scale incidents.</p> <p>**This information is considered Law Enforcement Sensitive** Non-Law Enforcement Personnel will not be permitted to attend this presentation.</p>
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Speaker's Biography	<p>Douglas Goerke was born and raised in Long Island, New York, and is the son of a United States Navy Veteran. Always having a desire to serve his community, he joined the Medford (NY) Fire Department at the age of eighteen, volunteering for almost ten years as a firefighter and serving in several local ambulance companies as an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician. Continuing to serve his community, he pursued a career in law enforcement.</p> <p>He moved to Orlando, Florida, and was hired by Orlando Police Department in 2001. Throughout his career, he has worked in almost every division within the organization, eventually rising to the rank of Deputy Chief of Police. He has served as a Task Force Agent for the Department of Homeland Security and has held commanding assignments over the Tactical Patrol Unit, Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation, Intelligence Unit, Patrol Division, Professional Standards Division, and the Orlando International Airport. In addition to these duties, he served as the Executive Co-Chair for the Orange Orlando Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), a committee responsible for conducting critical infrastructure assessments and mitigating vulnerabilities in response to critical incidents.</p> <p>For fourteen years of his career, he had the distinguished honor of being a member of the Honor Guard and the Orlando SWAT Team serving as the Deputy Team Commander. One of his collateral responsibilities on the SWAT team was to serve as a Tactical Paramedic. He has used these skills and knowledge to speak at countless law enforcement and emergency management conferences. He has participated in numerous Joint Counterterrorism Workshops sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security, helping jurisdictions</p>

prepare for terror attacks. In January 2022, he was selected as the Chief of Police for the St. Cloud, FL Police Department, where he oversees approximately 200 sworn law enforcement and professional staff.

He holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Liberty University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Session 277. In 2018, he was recognized by the Florida Police Chiefs Association as Outstanding Command Officer of the Year. He is a member of the FBI National Academy Associates, the Florida Police Chiefs Association, and the Central Florida Criminal Justice Association. He also serves as the President of the Central Florida Board of the Gary Sinise Foundation, which provides critical resources to military veterans, first responders, and gold star families.

He attributes his successful career to his close friends and mentors, but most importantly, his wife, Jane, and daughter, Lauren. Their love and support have given him the fortitude to serve his community with distinction, pride, and honor.