SPEAKERS BUREAU

Presentation Information

Presentation Category	Emotional/Survivalist Mindset
Presentation Title	Unwavering Determination
Presentation Length	2 hours
Presentation Objective	To inspire audiences through a gripping, firsthand account of overcoming sudden, life-threatening medical trauma, this presentation details Chief Matt Fisher's unexpected battle with a ruptured brain aneurysm while leaving a meeting in his work vehicle. This presentation outlines the incident that nearly claimed his life, mapping his journey from rescue by his peers, through intensive cognitive and physical rehabilitation, to his ultimate triumph returning to full active duty six months later. Backed by the unwavering support of his community, the department, and family, Chief Fisher shares actionable strategies for cultivating mental toughness, resilience, and physical fitness, while highlighting the transformative power of expressing gratitude to those around you.
Presentation Description	What does it take to come back from the brink of a life-threatening medical emergency? In this inspiring presentation, Wooster Police Chief Matt Fisher shares his incredible firsthand account of surviving a ruptured brain aneurysm and fighting his way back to full active duty. Through the lens of his grueling journey, Chief Fisher delivers a masterclass in mental toughness, the necessity of a strong support system, and the transformative power of bestowing true gratitude to those around you. Yes

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Speaker's Biography	Chief Matt Fisher is the Chief of Police for the city of Wooster, Ohio, a position he has held since 2011. Over his multi-decade career with the Wooster Police Department, Chief Fisher has served in nearly every facet of the agency, including tenures with the Honor Guard and as a K9 Handler alongside his partner, Ringo. A champion of civic engagement, Chief Fisher launched the Wooster Citizens' Police Academy in 2014 to foster transparency and to strengthen ties between residents and law enforcement. His dedication to regional leadership earned him the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce in 2022. In 2025, Chief Fisher faced his toughest challenge yet when he suffered a severe, nearly fatal subarachnoid hemorrhage from a ruptured brain aneurysm. Demonstrating the fierce resilience he is known for professionally, he underwent intensive rehabilitation and successfully returned to full active duty. His story of recovery stands as an inspiration to the community he protects. Chief Fisher holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Economics from The College of Wooster and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Tiffin University. He is also a graduate of the University of Akron Police Academy, the Police Executive Leadership College, and the elite FBI National Academy (Session 240).
