

## Situation

- The immediate responder to an event is often an untrained by-stander and an underutilized resource. Stop The Bleed (STB) is a national initiative that helps train and prepare citizens for an emergency bleeding situation.
- A person suffering from life-threatening blood loss can die within five minutes. 75%-90% of all trauma-related deaths occur before the victim reaches a medical treatment facility. ([www.bleedingcontrol.org](http://www.bleedingcontrol.org))

## Intervention

The *WATCH Coalition* coordinates with community partners to comprehensively address this gap, focusing on the 156 public schools and all law enforcement agencies in our 17-county region.

### Specifically:

- Provide life-saving education and equipment to each school with bleeding control kits
- Collaborate community-wide with local emergency partners to address planning, response, mitigation, and recovery from an event.
- Provide training/equipment to all law enforcement agencies in order to get medical support to the front lines of a large scale event.

### **Partners maximizing available resources:**

- Jackson-Madison County Health Dept. started by equipping all officers with the Jackson Police Department and Madison Co. Sheriff's Office.
- TN Homeland Security District 10 provided funding for kits to each officer in their region along with a ROVER in each county (Rapid Onset Violence Emergency Response) which ties law enforcement to the SMART triage system in place.
- The West Regional Office/ TN Dept. of Health, in conjunction with the WATCH Coalition provided kits to mimic the other two projects and provide kits/training to all officers in Homeland Security District 9 (The 9 remaining counties of the WATCH coverage area not impacted by above)
- The WATCH Coalition hosted a Train the Trainer Stop the Bleed class and has over 40 instructors in place throughout the coverage area.

## Impact

- About 1,600 kits and training have been provided to all sworn officers in the 17 county coverage area of the WATCH coalition.
- To date, 156 public schools have been equipped with kits/training
- Bottom right picture is a scene where an officer was shot during a training mission. Due to the quick thinking of the other officers on the scene, along with the kits that were available to them, they used their training to render aid until medical assistance could arrive. This quick response led to a positive outcome for this officer and he is now back on duty as a result. The Regional Hospital Coordinator in the region received a phone call the very next morning from the Chief of Police for this department thanking him for the kits that were instrumental in assisting his officer. The Chief is pictured in the middle photo along with the officer that was shot in the far right of that same photo. This picture was taken the day the kits were delivered. Little did everyone know that a kit would be used on this officer such a short time later.

