

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)

Intervention

The *WATCH Coalition* coordinates with community partners to comprehensively address this gap by 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 is a patrol car driven by a deputy in our region. He was struck head on by a possible impaired driver. He had various injuries including a severe laceration to his arm. Due to the quick thinking of one of the responding officers who has been trained and equipped with a stop the bleed kit, a tourniquet was deployed stopping the massive blood loss from his wound. This is the second accident involving a police officer in our region where STB has been vital in a good outcome for the officers.

