



# ACTIVE SHOOTER

## A SCHOOL CASE STUDY



### EVEN THE BEST SCHOOLS AREN'T BULLETPROOF

Shortly after the first bell rang, students at Brookside Christian Academy\* heard what sounded like fireworks, followed by screams. Those in the commons area saw teachers running down the hallway toward them, yelling at them to get out. When the gunfire ended that morning, six people were dead and 10 were wounded. Among those who died was a popular soccer coach who had used his body to shield students.

Listed as one of the nation's top 50 private high schools, Brookside Christian Academy had earned a reputation for excellence in both academics and athletics. With the nature of the student body, school administrators never imagined that a 17-year-old former student would return one day with a gun and homemade explosives.

School leaders had little time to process their grief. The first 24 hours were a blur as they reunited students with parents, worked with law enforcement, and fielded hundreds of requests from the media.

The school remained closed while police gathered evidence, staff made repairs, and the community mourned. School administrators met with several advisors, including their insurance agent, to develop a plan of action. Recovery was their top priority.

### LESSONS FROM THE HEADLINES

Case studies are based on compiled news accounts of situations happening in K-12 schools.

\* Names have been changed, but the challenges are real. Any resemblance to people or schools with similar names is purely coincidental.

### WHAT WOULD YOUR SCHOOL DO?

Flip the page for thought-provoking questions and solutions.



## ? ASK YOUR TEAM: WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

If a similar crisis happened at your school, there would be some difficult questions to answer:

- **Where** will classes meet until the building is ready to reopen?
- **How** can we ensure students' safety when they return?
- **Who** will pay victims' medical bills?
- **What can we do** to support grieving students and faculty?



## WOULDN'T IT BE REASSURING TO HAVE A PLAN?

With Traumatic Incident Response Coverage\* from Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company®, you could. This optional insurance provides up to \$1 million to help your school recover from an act of violence.

Healing takes time. Traumatic Incident Response Coverage could provide the support needed to help your school start the journey to recovery.

- It helps pay victims' medical costs, covers grief counseling services, and allows you to increase security after a traumatic event.
- It provides money to rent temporary space for classes and support services.
- The policy will also pay for an attorney or PR consultant to help you manage the issues involved with being in the media spotlight or a police investigation.

Unlike general liability insurance, you don't have to wait until a lawsuit is filed to activate coverage. This policy starts protecting your school as soon as a violent incident occurs.

The amount available depends on the coverage limits school leaders choose, from \$150,000 to \$1 million.

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