

# Lesson 1: Left of Bang

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# Situational Awareness

## **Left** of Bang

Everything that happens

*before*

a violent event begins

## **Right** of Bang

Everything that happens

*after*

a violent event begins



“  
The goal is not to really talk through how you deal with an active shooter in the hallway.  
The goal is how do we keep an active shooter from ever entering the hallway.”



# Moving Left of Bang

## Where to start?

- Vulnerability assessment – where is your school vulnerable to threats?
  - If you're working with someone in local law enforcement, make sure they have specialized training in vulnerability assessments or use a professional, like Safe Hiring Solutions.
- Develop a consistent emergency plan, e.g., evacuation drills, reunification plan
- Empower your faculty, staff, parents, students – if you see something, say something.
- Invite law enforcement into your school



# Adopting the Secret Service Model

- Low tolerance/threshold for threats
- Create zones: Widen the perimeter

**Zone 1—Outer:** general area that surrounds school

**Zone 2—Middle:** building, parking lot, athletic facilities

**Zone 3—Inner:** inside the facility



# Moving Left of Bang

Things to consider:

- Empower teachers and staff to act
- Number your doors inside and outside
- Train staff to refer to hallways by direction, e.g., "East Hallway"
- Consider a secured gun safe inside the school for your SRO

Move Left of Bang





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