

Antoinette Tuff

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Unfortunately, an active shooter situation is a reality in our schools. We plan and drill on how to protect students and ourselves.

Our speaker today, Antoinette Tuff, knows firsthand what it feels like to hear the words from a troubled young man that “We are going to all die today” after he followed a parent that had been buzzed into the school holding an AK-47 and 500 rounds of ammunition. Rather than running in fear, barricading herself behind a desk or using a firearm, she used compassion, confidence, and control to convince the shooter to hand her the weapon which saved more than 1,000 lives on August 20, 2013, at the Ronald E. McNair Discovery Learning Center in the Atlanta metro area. This is the only school active shooter situation in the US that ended without death or injury to school students, faculty, parents or shooter himself. Experienced hostage negotiators, law enforcement, and community leaders praised her intuitive, yet textbook, hostage negotiations that fateful day.

Since becoming a hero, Antoinette has been teaching international audiences strategies in dealing with difficult situations, started a non-profit called Kids on the Move for Success, where she provides educational opportunities for all children to reach their potential including mentoring programs and scholarships. Antoinette has also become a recognized expert and community leader for student safety, which includes the prevention of bullying and suicide, as well as the deescalating an active shooter situation. Recently, Seven-time Grammy® Award winner, Toni Braxton, starred as Antoinette Tuff, in “Faith Under Fire” a Lifetime TV movie that was based on her book “Prepared for a Purpose.”

When not on the road teaching others confidence, compassion, and control when dealing with a difficult situation or helping amazing children, she enjoys being a grandmother, working out and spending quality time with God and sharing his amazing grace with others.

Join me in welcoming Antoinette Tuff, survivor, speaker, author and national community safety expert.