

# SAFER KENTUCKY SYMPOSIUM

Lexington, Kentucky | June 18<sup>th</sup> 2026

## A More Connected Approach to Safety Across Kentucky

### Learning Objectives:

- Explore the vision of creating the safest environment in the nation for students, faculty, staff, patients, clinicians, and visitors across Kentucky.
- Understand how universities, healthcare systems, and public safety organizations can work together to build a more connected and coordinated safety ecosystem across the Commonwealth.
- Examine the unique safety challenges facing Kentucky's healthcare environments and identify how academic medical centers, private hospital partners, and public safety agencies can strengthen protection together.
- Identify opportunities to improve communication, collaboration, and operational coordination during incidents that impact multiple campuses, healthcare facilities, and communities, positioning Kentucky as a national model for safety innovation.

### Agenda:

- 9:30 – 10:00 AM Arrival, Coffee & Networking
- 10:00 – 10:20 AM - Welcome & Opening Remarks: **Joe Monroe**, University of Kentucky Chief of Police
- 10:20 – 11:00 AM - **The Safer Kentucky Vision: Why Kentucky Can Lead the Nation** - **Joe Monroe**, University of Kentucky Chief of Police, and **Darren Chalmers-Stevens**, CriticalArc President & CRO
- 11:00 – 12:00 PM - **Collaborative Discussion: Building a Safer Commonwealth Together**, Moderated by **Joe Monroe**, University of Kentucky Chief of Police, and **Darren Chalmers-Stevens**, CriticalArc President & CRO
- 12:00 – 1:00 PM - Lunch
- 1:00 – 1:45 PM - **Healthcare, Safety, and Security Across the Commonwealth: A Unified Kentucky Approach** - **Joe Monroe**, University of Kentucky Chief of Police, and **Darren Chalmers-Stevens**, CriticalArc President & CRO
- 1:45 – 2:45 PM - **From Vision to Reality: Defining Kentucky's Next Steps** - **Joe Monroe**, University of Kentucky Chief of Police
- 2:45 – 3:00 PM - Closing Remarks: **Joe Monroe**, University of Kentucky Chief of Police

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## The Safer Kentucky Vision: Why Kentucky Can Lead the Nation

**Keynote Speakers:** Joe Monroe, University of Kentucky Chief of Police, and Darren Chalmers-Stevens, CriticalArc President & CRO

- A unified vision for safety: How Kentucky's colleges, universities, healthcare organizations, and public safety leaders can move beyond siloed efforts toward a connected, statewide approach to protecting students, patients, and communities.
- Why Kentucky, why now: The Commonwealth's unique combination of academic, healthcare, and public safety partnerships, anchored by institutions like UK and UofL, positions it to lead where other states have struggled.
- From vision to national model: Setting the stage for Kentucky to define what a truly coordinated safety ecosystem looks like and become the example the rest of the nation follows.

## Collaborative Discussion: Building a Safer Commonwealth Together

**Moderated by Joe Monroe, University of Kentucky Chief of Police, and Darren Chalmers-Stevens, CriticalArc President & CRO**

- Candid conversation across sectors: An open, informal room discussion bringing together leaders from Kentucky's universities, healthcare systems, public safety, emergency management, and student affairs to share the realities of their current operating environments.
- Shared challenges, shared ground: Exploring the resource constraints, communication gaps, evolving threats, and shifting community expectations that institutions across the Commonwealth are navigating today.
- Collaboration as a force multiplier: Identifying where partnership can unlock new opportunities and how a connected Kentucky can become greater than the sum of its parts.

## Healthcare, Safety, and Security Across the Commonwealth: A Unified Kentucky Approach

**Keynote Speakers:** Joe Monroe, University of Kentucky Chief of Police, and Darren Chalmers-Stevens, CriticalArc President & CRO

- Shared challenges, shared responsibility: Kentucky's hospitals, universities, and law enforcement agencies face safety challenges that cut across institutional lines and demand a coordinated response.
- A unified statewide approach: How academic medical centers, private hospital partners, and public safety agencies can work together to better protect patients, staff, clinicians, and visitors across the Commonwealth.
- Practical next steps: A clearer picture of where each organization fits into a stronger Kentucky healthcare safety ecosystem and how to get involved.

## From Vision to Reality: Defining Kentucky's Next Steps

**Keynote Speaker:** Joe Monroe, University of Kentucky Chief of Police

- From vision to coordinated action: What becomes possible when Kentucky's institutions move beyond shared ideas into connected communication, shared visibility, mutual aid, and unified response.
- Practical opportunities ahead: Defining the concrete next steps for continued engagement, collaboration, and leadership as the Commonwealth advances toward a stronger, safer future.
- A defined role for every institution: Leaving attendees with a clear path forward and a meaningful place in building lasting partnerships across participating organizations.