



TX Governor 'Livid' After He Was 'Misled' About Police Response In Uvalde Shooting

Description

USA: Update (1705ET): Texas Governor Greg Abbott (R) said he was 'misled' about the police response to the school shooting in Uvalde, **and is 'livid about what happened.'**

Gov. Greg Abbott on how what police initially told him (and the world) about their response to Uvalde was wrong: "I was misled. I am livid about what happened. I was on this very stage two days ago...telling the public information that had been told to me."

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— Curtis Houck (@CurtisHouck) [May 27, 2022](#)

In taped remarks delivered to the National Rifle Association's annual meeting in Houston on Friday, Abbott also said that there was no law that would have stopped the shooter from procuring a firearm before this week's elementary school shooting which left 19 children and two adults dead.

"There are thousands of laws on the books across the country that limit the owning or using of firearms, laws that have not stopped madmen from carrying out evil acts on innocent people in peaceful communities," he said, adding that the gunman committed a felony before "he even pulled the trigger" by carrying a gun on a school campus.

"Well, just as laws didn't stop the killer, we will not let his evil acts stop us from uniting the community he tried to destroy," he added.

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Update (1250ET): In a very emotional and defensive press conference this morning, Texas DPS Director Steven McCraw admitted said the decision of officers to wait to enter the building was the "wrong" one.

"In retrospect, from where I am sitting from right now, clearly there were kids in the room. It's important for live saving proposes to immediately get there and render aid," McCraw said.

"Of course it was not the right decision, it was the wrong decision."

BREAKING: Texas DPS Director on why police didn't try to enter the school to rescue students: "the on scene commander... believed it had transitioned from an active shooter to a barricaded subject"

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— Benny Johnson (@bennyjohnson) [May 27, 2022](#)

Officials acknowledged many flaws in the response to the Uvalde school shooting saying police officers should have gone in rather than waiting, and that delay cost lives of children.

"It was the wrong decision, very wrong. There's no excuse for that. ... When there's an active shooter, the rules change. There is no longer a barricaded subject. You don't have time," he said.

McCraw added that ***"if I thought it would help, I would apologize."***



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[As The Epoch Times' Caden Pearsen detailed earlier](#), a [Texas](#) Department of Public Safety (DPS)

official has said **officers “could have been shot” if they engaged the gunman holed up with his victims in a classroom at Robb Elementary School** before a specialist tactical team arrived.



Authorities on Thursday sketched out a timeline of events from when 18-year-old Salvador Ramos crashed his vehicle to when he entered the Texas school at around 11.40 a.m. and slaughtered 19 students and two teachers.

But it wasn't until almost 1 p.m. that Ramos had been killed and the siege was over, around 90 minutes later.

Questions have been raised amid mounting public anger and scrutiny about the response of law enforcement as more details emerge about the timeline of events.

Texas DPS spokesman Lt. Chris Olivarez said the first priority for officers in an active shooter situation is to stop the killing and preserve life.

“But also one thing that, of course, the American people need to understand, is that officers are making entry into this building. They do not know where the gunman is,”
Olivarez told CNN.

“They are hearing gunshots. They are receiving gunshots. At that point, if they proceeded any further not knowing where the suspect was at, they could’ve been shot, they could’ve been killed, and at that point, that gunman would have had an opportunity to kill other people inside that school.”

Olivarez said their response meant the shooter was contained in the classroom and unable to get to “any other portions of the school to commit any other killings.”

While around three officers who had entered the school through the same door as the gunman were taking fire and calling for backup, around four others who had entered from another part of the school

were evacuating students and teachers, Oliverez said.

Once the tactical team from U.S. Border Patrol arrived, he said they used a ballistic shield for cover as they entered the classroom and killed the shooter.



Victor Escalon, regional director of the Texas Department of Public Safety South, gives a press conference in Uvalde, Texas on May 26, 2022, two days after a gunman opened fire and killed 19 children and two teachers at Robb Elementary school. (Allison Dinner/AFP via Getty Images)

Authorities on Thursday largely ignored questions during a contentious briefing about why officers had not been able to stop the shooter sooner.

Victor Escalon, regional director for the Texas Department of Public Safety, told reporters he had “taken all those questions into consideration” and would offer updates later.

One point Escalon clarified based on the information he had at the time was that there were no armed officers at the school at the time Ramos entered “unobstructed.”

“No, no, there was not an officer readily available, armed. No,” the Texas DPS official said in response to a reporter’s question on Thursday afternoon.

This contradicted earlier information from authorities.

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