

Yesterday, February 8, 2021, at 1550 Eastern, an armed assailant attempted entry into the Social Security Administration building in Norfolk, VA. The building was closed to the public and when he was refused entry, he opened fire into the lobby. PSO Irving Wallace was struck four times by the assailant and he returned fire until the threat was neutralized.

PSO Wallace then made his way to the 2nd floor to alert his fellow officer. PSO Osmand responding to the sounds of gunfire downstairs had already secured the 7 employees on the floor and called 911. Despite his wounds, PSO Wallace returned to the main floor and secured the scene until police arrived. No other parties were injured during the incident.

PSO Wallace is currently in stable condition and will undergo surgery today. He is an important reminder of the critical importance of safety gear. PSO Wallace's vest stopped two rounds to his center mass: there is no doubt that his vest saved his life.

PSO Wallace has been on the contract since 2009, with an exemplary service record. In 2019 he received the Public Service Unsung Hero Award from the Norfolk Disability and Determination Services for his outstanding customer service skills.

Our thoughts are with PSO Wallace, his wife Anita, and their family and friends. We wish him a speedy and full recovery. We are grateful for all that each of you do to continue safeguarding America every day.



President, Paragon Protective Services