FUTUREVU BRANDS · SOLUTIONS SHEET

The glass beside the locked door · prepared by the Active Shooter Prevention Project™ (ASPP™) Community of Experts

Why this sheet exists

2012, Connecticut: the doors were locked, the buzzer and camera worked; the killer shot through the glass next to the doors and walked in.

2023, Tennessee: the killer shot through the glass doors.

2026, Oregon: the doors were locked; the killer fired into the glass panes of a set of double doors and went into the first classroom on the left.

Three times the lock did its job; three times the glass beside it did not.

The standard and the law

ASTM F3561 (2022; revised 2023 and 2025) tests the whole opening, glass, frame and hardware together: rounds are fired into it, then a timed forced-entry attack follows, and the result is rated Level 1 to 8.

Texas, 19 TAC §61.1031: glass in and beside exterior doors, and ground-level windows near them, must be modified so it cannot be easily broken; forced-entry-resistant film is the rule's example. **Tennessee**, 2023 law as amended April 2024: districts must install clear, entry-resistant film; "bullet-resistant" was struck from the bill. **The International Building Code** does not yet require any of it; proposal G88-25 drew opposition at its 2025 hearing.

The company

FutureVu Brands, Inc., Marietta, Georgia, is a platform company: each brand runs its own P&L under its own president while the platform carries finance, IT, marketing, HR and compliance. The lineage runs from Window Film Depot (1999) and DefenseLite (invented 2014) to the parent entity created in 2021. Security glazing is manufactured in Marietta and at MTI Shield in Glendale, Arizona.

Leadership. Jeff Franson, CEO · Joe Mauldin, VP Sales · Brett Hanley, Director of Architectural Markets (May 2026).

How it scales. CoolVu Franchise Concepts (2021) is a home-office-based franchise that puts trained installers of specialty films, graphics and coatings in local markets; LongVu Wholesale (2019) supplies the film and glazing-related materials. The franchise is how the work reaches a school district three states away; the wholesale arm is how the material gets there.

With ASPP™. Partner agreement February 2026; FutureVu Brands executives joined the ASPP™ Community of Experts in July 2026. Chris Grollnek advises the FutureVu Brands board of directors.

The four solutions, and the fifth that follows them

Solution	What it is	Tested to	Where it fits
Security film with an attachment system Window Film Depot · 3M films	Multi-layer polyester film bonded to the inside face of existing glass; the attachment anchors the film to the frame so the broken sheet stays in the opening. Window Film Depot is a 3M authorized dealer and 3M's 2025 National Dealer of the Year.	Tested by the film maker as film plus attachment; specify by test report for the exact film, thickness and attachment.	Existing glass that has to stay in place and stay clear; the Texas and Tennessee rules were written with this product in mind.
RiotLite FutureVu Brands · 2025	A security film system engineered as a system, film plus attachment, around the ASTM F3561 test.	ASTM F3561 Level 3ET, per the manufacturer.	Entry doors and sidelights where a rated film system is wanted without replacing the glass.
DefenseLite Impact Security	A clear, architectural-grade polycarbonate shield in an aluminum frame, mounted over the existing glazing from the inside (U.S. Patent 9,790,735). Not a film.	ASTM F3561 Level 8 for DefenseLite Pro, per the manufacturer; warranty up to 15 years.	Entries, vestibules and ground-floor glass where the assessment calls for the most forced-entry delay without replacing the window.
BulletShield Impact Security	The bullet-resistant derivative of DefenseLite, for openings where the threat assessment says the glazing itself has to stop rounds.	UL 752, Levels 1 to 8, per the manufacturer.	Reception points, guard positions, courthouses and other locations the assessment names.
SafeSuite™ Impact Security · April 2026	A system approach to interior hardening and forced-entry protection: the rooms people retreat to once the perimeter has done its job.	Component ratings per the manufacturer.	Interior safe rooms and offices in high-risk facilities.

Ratings are the manufacturer's statements. The standard tests the opening, not the product alone, so ask for the test report for the exact assembly being purchased.

Where glass fits in the P.R.O. Model™

The P.R.O. Model™ (Prevention. Response. Options.), selected twice by the U.S. Department of Justice as "A" national standard for the Assistant United States Attorneys and across the Department, treats a building the way it treats a plan: layers that each buy time for the next. The facilities part is the delay layer, and glass is the layer most buildings forgot; a door that holds for the length of a lockdown turns a response into a recovery.

ASPP™ does not sell glass. It assesses the building and the plan, names the layer that is missing, and brings in the Community of Experts partner for that layer.

Three questions before anyone buys

- Which exact assembly was tested, glass, film or panel, frame and attachment together, and may we see the report?
- Is the film anchored to the frame, or only to the glass?
- Who walked the building before the product was chosen?

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