Introduction to Active Shooter Incidents
Active Shooter Defined

“An armed individual who has used deadly physical force against others and continues to do so; and it is reasonably believed that the shooter has unrestricted access to additional victims.”

* May include the use of a variety of weapons including firearms, vehicle, explosives, flammables, edged weapons etc
Potential Survival Strategies

• Active Shooter incidents can be unpredictable and may require an evolving response based on a continually updated individual assessment of the threat. The survival strategies presented in this seminar are for consideration only and are based upon best practices and case histories.

• Individuals are responsible for their own personal safety protocols, decisions and actions. The totality of the circumstances and the physical and mental state of both the victim and assailant are all factors which must be considered before making a personal choice and selecting a final course of action.
Historical Overview

A Study of Active Shooter Incidents in the United States Between 2000 and 2013

Active Shooter
Recommendations and Analysis for Risk Mitigation
Historical Overview

Quick Look: 220 Active Shooter Incidents in the United States Between 2000 - 2016

Incidents Per Year

7.4/ Yr

18.4/ Yr

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2017

GLOBAL THREAT SOLUTIONS
Historical Overview

- 69% are over in 5 minutes or less
- 60% ended prior to police arrival
- On average, one person is shot every 15 seconds
Historical Overview

96% Gender 4%

Average Age 35 / School Incidents Age 15-19
Historical Overview

Number of Attackers

98% 1

2% +
Tactical Guidance

Knife

Vehicle Ramming

Explosives

Vehicle Ramming

Arson

Firearms

GLOBAL THREAT SOLUTIONS
Locked Doors
Surviving an Active Shooter Incident
The following video contains graphic content of a violent nature.

Viewer discretion is advised.
Understand the Plan

Lock Out

Lock Down
Survival Mindset

• Believe that you will survive, no matter the situation
• Recognize shock
• Compose yourself and take action
• Doing nothing is **NOT** an option for survival
Have a Plan – In Advance

February 2018
Via CNN

This video includes disturbing images.
Run, Avoid, Escape

- Predetermine multiple evacuation routes
- Avoid leaving by car
- Get low, move quickly and strategically
The following video contains graphic language and imagery. Viewer discretion is advised.
Hide, Isolate, Secure

Cameron Kasky – 17 year old student
2018 - Parkland, Florida Active Shooter survivor

“It was very confusing... nobody really knew what was going on. We huddled in a room, listening to terrifying noises we couldn’t quite identify, and spent an hour plagued by uncontrolled anxiety.... Waiting for somebody to either come in and shoot us, or come in and tell us everything was going to be OK.”
Shelter in the most secure area available*

- Check for others outside your shelter
- Lock door AND consider barricading yourself in
Hide, Isolate, Secure

Shelter in the most secure area available*

- Check for others outside your shelter
- Lock AND barricade yourself in
- Silence phones, remain quiet
- Render aid to injured
- Arm yourself
- Plan your next move (Run, Fight, Remove Wounded)
- Be creative, resist tunnel vision, re-evaluate
Fight, Deny, Defend

- As a last resort and the ultimate final measure of self-defense, violently fight the suspect to attempt to disarm them.
- Scream for help.
- If attacker is conscious, or has hands free, they will continue to be a threat.
- Consider other attackers.
Versatile & Available Tools
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How to Respond When LE Arrive

• Immediately raise hands and spread fingers wide
• Avoid quick movements, pointing or yelling at officers
• Exit area where guns are drawn
• Accurate reporting is essential
Individual Considerations:
See Something, Say Something
See Something, Say Something

• Identify and report suspicious action “Leakage”

• Regarding adult mass murderers, 67% leaked intent to third parties before the attack

• In an FBI study of school shootings, ALL (100%) of the shooters displayed pre-attack leakage
Understanding a Path to Violence

- One year average -

Grievance Collection & Violent Ideation

Research, Preparation & Stockpiling

Probing & Breaching

ATTACK

GLOBAL THREAT SOLUTIONS
See Something, Say Something

Always call 9-1-1 in an emergency
See Something, Say Something

SHOCKING: Ford posted this picture with a gun on Facebook

Cedric Ford
14 October 2015

It's so hurtful when you have no one to talk to about your problems

4 Months later... Kills 3, Injures 14
Peace of Mind in Uncertain Times

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