

Civilian Safety Presentation

Active Shooters In Today's World

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The Definition of an Active Shooter

One or more subjects who participate in a random or systematic shooting spree, demonstrating their intent to *continuously* harm others. Their overriding objective appears to be mass murder, rather than other criminal conduct...

-National Tactical Officers Association

Don't
Name
Them



How Close Has Tragedy Come to South Carolina?

June, 2016 - Pulse Nightclub, Orlando, FL - The shooter, armed with a rifle and a pistol, pledged allegiance to ISIS while barricaded in the club's restroom. 49 dead; 53 wounded.

July, 2015 - Lafayette, LA - Shooter opened fire in a movie theater before committing suicide. The shooter reportedly had a history of mental illness and posted radical views online. 2 dead; 9 injured.

March, 2012 - Jacksonville, FL - After learning he was being dismissed, a 28 year old teacher shoots and kills Head of School, Dale Regan, before killing himself.

December, 2011 - Blacksburg, VA – A Radford University student shoots and kills Virginia Tech University Officer Deriek W. Crouse before killing himself.

February, 2010 - Huntsville, AL - Three biology faculty are killed and three others wounded when a biology professor opens fire during a faculty meeting at the University of Alabama.

Active Shooters in South Carolina

September, 2016 - Townville, SC - The shooter shot and killed his father before driving to Townville Elementary School and opening fire on children outside for recess. 2 dead; 3 wounded.

June, 2015 – Charleston, SC - Suspect enters a Bible study with 13 people, opens fire with a handgun at Mother Emanuel AME. Kills 9.

August, 2013 – Low Country Area, SC - A woman is stopped while attempting to shoot children in the crosswalk at an elementary school.

April, 2013 – Low Country Area, SC – A high school student walks into his high school and tells administrators he is going to begin shooting the other kids one week after a law enforcement active shooter class is completed at that location.

March, 2012 – Spartanburg, SC - A man walks into a local church armed with shotgun. He is stopped by a man with a concealed weapons permit.

September, 1988 – Greenwood, SC - A gunman walks into an elementary school and shoots several people. Students were killed during the incident.



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What Will Cops Do?

We will be heavily armed and armored.

We will be EXTREMELY aggressive.

We will not argue. We will not reason with you. We will simply act. If you do not comply, we will make you comply.

We will not politely ask you to move. We may put you on the ground until we know who you are and what your intentions are.

We only have one goal in mind...

TO SAVE AS MANY LIVES AS POSSIBLE.

We will move directly to the sounds of the gunfire to stop the killing.

3 Minutes



Three Stages of Disaster Response

- **Denial**
- **Deliberation**
- **Decisive Moment**



What Will You Do?

You will be absolutely terrified.

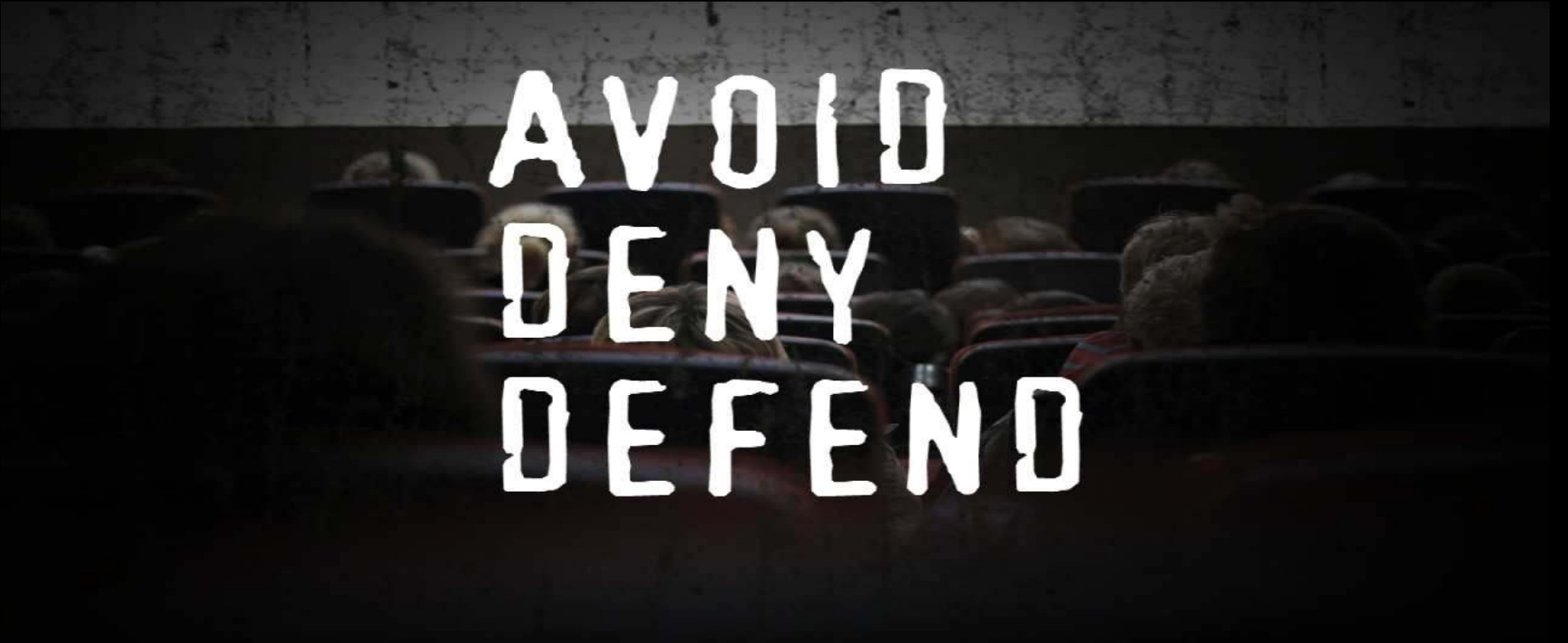
You will do one of four things as an action, especially if you are *untrained*...you will **flee, fight, falter, or freeze.**

Training will have a direct effect on which action you take and your chances of surviving any dangerous incident.

How you interact with law enforcement can have a direct effect on your safety and how we respond.

Remember there is no survival value in denial or panic.

WHAT TO DO WHEN AN ACTIVE SHOOTER STRIKES NEAR YOU



AVOID
DENY
DEFEND

AVOID

Avoid the shooter as much as you are able. Make others avoid the attacker. Move away from the scene and move away from gunfire.

What Should You Do?

If you hear shots, call 911, or your local emergency number, as soon as possible. Keep your cell phone silent. Leave the line open.

Always know where the exits in the building are.

Leave your personal items.

Don't let people go towards the shooter.

What Should You Do?

KEEP YOUR HANDS EMPTY AND VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES.

If you encounter an officer, don't try to stop them or to ask for directions/help. They have other things to do.

Listen to any law enforcement officer who gives you an order.

Don't move wounded people unless you are trained to do so and stay committed to your lockdown.

DENY

Deny the shooter access to you or any other victims. Barricade yourself into a room and do not come out!

If Law Enforcement Enters your Room...

- **Fall face down to the floor wherever you are in the room.**
- **Cover your head with your hands.**
- **Do not resist.**
- **Stay calm.**
- **Stay quiet.**

Recommended Actions

Move people to a place in the room where they cannot be seen. Hall side, low to the ground, or elsewhere in the room that affords the most concealment.

Keep everyone quiet.

DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR.

If you hear shots, call 911, and leave the line open.

Recommended Actions

Account for one another as much as you are able.

Follow the directions given to you by security officials and law enforcement officers.

Be mentally and physically prepared to defend yourself and the room.

Recommended Actions

If a fire alarm occurs during a lockdown or violent incident, change your behavior.

Before you move in ANY direction, make a decision whether or not you SHOULD move in that direction.

LOOK UP.

ASSESS.

MOVE.

REPEAT UNTIL SAFE.

DEFEND

Defend yourself by any means necessary if you are confronted by the shooter and you feel that your life is in danger.

Recommended Actions

Some good general items of information to remember are:

Put down any items you are carrying when you encounter law enforcement.

Avoid elevators and be cautious when moving on stairs.

Do not point, scream, or shout at law enforcement.

Be a good witness...when asked, provide the location of the shooter, physical description, victims you saw, and any other pertinent information.

Don't not interfere with law enforcement response.

**Consider your actions when you can no longer run or hide.
What will you do? You must decide now...not while you are under stress.**

Looking Ahead

As an organization, you should plan for the following:

- **An onsite command post AND an offsite command post**
- **Taking care of the injured...are your employees trained?**
- **EMS/Fire/LE Staging effects your movement**
- **Reunification...what are your employees trained to do AFTER they are safe?**

Looking Ahead

Consider your potential interaction with the media. Defer to your media representative.

Establish relationships with mental health professionals in your area and explore crisis counseling options in your group's EAP.

Keep perfect records of employees and document all reunification efforts and successes.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO PREPARE FOR AN ACTIVE SHOOTER?

As an group, you can do the following things:

- Ensure that your local law enforcement officers are receiving appropriate response training and support first responder training with your facilities whenever possible.
- Continue working with your safety and security personnel.
- Continue to actively participate in training or drills involving active shooter and lockdown scenarios.
- Continue to participate in your workplace violence training and encourage your employees to learn first aid, CPR, and hemorrhage control.
- Form partnerships with people before you need those partnerships.

Questions?

Please contact the **SLED Active Shooter and CCTA Training Unit** for additional information.