ACTIVE SHOOTER

An individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a populated area

- Victims are selected at random
- Event is unpredictable and evolves quickly
- Knowing what to do can save lives

When an active shooter is in your vicinity, you must be prepared mentally and physically to deal with the situation.

What You Can Do

RUN
- Leave your belongings behind
- Evacuate whether others agree to follow
- Help others escape, if possible
- Do not attempt to move the wounded
- Prevent others from entering an area where the active shooter may be
- Keep your hands visible
- Call 911 when you are safe

HIDE
- Hide in an area out of the shooter’s view
- Lock door or block entry to your hiding place
- Silence your cell phone and remain quiet

FIGHT
- Fight as a last resort
- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter
- Act with physical aggression
- Improvise weapons or throw items
- Commit to your actions...your life depends on it

Law Enforcement Response

The first officers to arrive on scene will not stop to help the injured. Expect rescue teams to follow initial officers. These rescue teams will treat and remove the injured.

- Remain calm and follow instructions
- Drop items in your hands (e.g. bags, jackets.)
- Raise hands and spread fingers
- Keep hands visible at all times
- Avoid quick movements toward officers, such as holding on to them for safety
- Avoid pointing, screaming, or yelling
- Do not ask questions when evacuating

INFORMING 911:
- Location of the active shooter
- Number of shooters
- Physical description of shooters
- Number and type of weapons the shooter has
- Number of potential victims at location

CONTACT US: For questions or assistance, locate and contact your local FBI field office at www.fbi.gov