

ACTIVE SHOOTER BRIEFING

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What We Will Discuss

- What is an Active Shooter
- Who Can Pose an Active Shooter Threat
- Who Can be Harmed by an Active Shooter
- What steps can be taken to prepare for an Active Shooter Threat
- What can you do when facing an Active Shooter Threat
- What actions will Law Enforcement take

What is an Active Shooter

- An Active Shooter is an individual or individuals that enter a premises to inflict bodily harm through the use of firearms to either specific targets or targets of opportunity, commonly referred to as “Soft Targets” such as offices, shopping centers, churches, etc.

Who Can Pose an Active Shooter Threat

- An Active Shooter could be anyone, a stranger, boss coworker, friend, relative, church member, etc.
- The Shooter or Shooters are typically experiencing problems in their lives or are ideologically driven.

Who Can Be Harmed by an Active Shooter

- Active Shooters will either shoot at random targets or go after a specific individual or groups of people who they perceive as having wronged them in some way.
- Anyone who is within the soft target area is a potential victim for the Active Shooter.

What Steps Can Be Taken to Prepare for an Active Shooter Threat

- Create a Policy and Procedures to address a possible threat.
- Brief the Draft Policy and Procedures to the Church leadership and the congregation.
- Discuss ways to enhance the physical security and monitoring of the building
- Recruitment of Church members to be trained and serve as members of the Safety and Security Ministry.
- Create training elements and scenarios to ensure the preparedness of the congregation to mitigate the threat.

What Can You Do When Facing an Active Shooter Threat

- Steps to Take When Facing an Active Shooter:
- **RUN** – Preferable to having a face to face confrontation with a shooter.
- **HIDE** – Next preferable to Running.
- **FIGHT** – **Least preferable**, may be necessary for your survival and others.

What Can You Do When Facing an Active Shooter Threat (Con't)

- What Actions Can You Take:
 - RUN - Distance is your friend in an active shooter event. Get as far away from the shooter as quickly as you can if possible.
 - Don't let other people distract you and DO NOT stop to take your personal belongings (i.e. coats, notebooks, pocketbooks, back packs, etc.)
 - HIDE - Remember that hiding involves cover or concealment of yourself and others. If necessary, given the opportunity, barricade yourself in a room.

What Can You Do When Facing an Active Shooter Threat (Con't)

- What Actions Can You Take:
 - FIGHT - Last Resort) Remember this a fight for your life and others that may be with you. It will be more effective for more than one person to confront the active shooter.
 - Yes, the possibility exists that those resisting may sustain injury in attempting to subdue the shooter. However, the consequences for not taking any action at all could be fatal.
 - RULE 1 -Swarm the Assailant: This application requires two or more people to work as a team to incapacitate the shooter who will not be expecting active resistance.

What Can You Do When Facing an Active Shooter Threat (Con't)

- What Actions Can You Take:
 - RULE 2- Control the Weapon then the Shooter: Even temporary control of the shooter's weapon provides the opportunity for others to jump in to help restrain and overcome the shooter.
 - Anything may be used as weapon: a fire extinguisher, a coffee pot, a broom handle, even a pencil or a pen can give you the edge to incapacitate the shooter.

What Can You Do When Facing an Active Shooter Threat (Con't)

- What Actions Can You Take:
 - RULE 3- Be Very Aggressive: Whether as an individual or in a group resist with maximum force do whatever is necessary to win the fight.
 - Look for something that can disrupt the shooters ability to see, breathe or control their weapon.
 - Remember this is a fight for your life and everyone else around you.

What Can You Do When Facing an Active Shooter Threat (Con't)

- What Actions Can You Take:
- FIGHT (Con't)- Always remember that active shooter events occur in real time and in most cases are over in ten minutes or less.
- A law enforcement response to an active shooter event will involve local, state and federal law enforcement agencies..
- In addition, it is imperative that you cooperate fully with all instructions given by law enforcement and emergency services personnel.
- The church at that point will be considered a crime scene by law enforcement and may be locked down until a thorough investigation is conducted.

Questions??

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