

Evolution of Active Shooter Situations



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Is active shooter situations a new
problem?

No!



***Bath Township, Michigan
May 18, 1927
Andrew Kehoe
Kills 45 and injures 58***

University of Texas at Austin

- Charles Whitman former US Marine
- On August 1st, 1966 shot and killed 16 people and wounded 32 more in a shooting spree from the 28th floor of main building.



Columbine High School 1999



More Recent Incidents

- 2006 Shootings
 - San Diego High School
 - Cape Coral Florida
 - Denver Warehouse
- 2008 Shootings
 - Workplace shooting Kentucky
 - 2 church shootings

Blacksburg, VA: Virginia Tech University

- ▣ April 16, 2007 suspect kills two students in the resident halls early morning before going to Norris Hall, across campus later the same day, and shooting more students before taking his own life. **32 dead, 23 injured – very abnormal stats**



It Can Happen Anywhere Anytime, and by Anybody...

- **University of Alabama, Huntsville-2011:** Biology professor denied tenure, shoots and kills three professors and wounds three more at a faculty meeting. – **again, abnormal stats**



Rare, but Real...

- Oikos University, Oakland, CA- April 2012
- Disgruntled student
- **7 Dead and 3 injured – abnormal shooting stats**



Brigham and Women's Hospital



What did 8 years of LOCKDOWN training yield?

	Columbine Library 1999	Virginia Tech 2007
Number of Bad Guys	2	1
Minutes of Shooting	8.5	8
Numbers Present	56	Approx. 100
Age of Victims	Minors	Adults
Casualty Percentage	About 50%	About 50%
Number Wounded	12	17
Number Killed	10	30

A.L.i.C.E

- **Alert**
- **Lockdown**
- **Inform**
- **Counter**
- **Evacuate**

ALERT

- ▣ **Information is the key to good decisions**
- ▣ **Information should flow in all directions**
- ▣ **Provide as much initial intel as possible to as many people as possible**
- ▣ **Use any and all available means: Texts, PA, Digital Signage, Web, Twitter, Facebook, BELS, etc.**
- ▣ **May be your sensory inputs**

Lockdown

- ▣ Excellent starting point
- ▣ When should doors be locked?
 - ▣ Before, During, or After?
- ▣ **BARRICADE** The idea is to create a stronghold that nobody can breach... **BE A HARDER TARGET!**

A Common Misconception

- **Lockdown does not Locked-In**
- **You always have the right to escape danger and evacuate if the opportunity exists.**



Which is a more effective barricade for a door opening out?

Inform

- ▣ **As real-time information as possible will be provided by all means possible.**
- ▣ **Use this information to make single or collective decisions as to the best option for survival.**
- ▣ **Be flexible because the situation will be dynamic and fluid**

Counter

You can survive contact with an armed intruder!!

- ▣ **Police miss 80% of their shots in dynamic events.**
- ▣ **The “bad guy” is not usually a highly skilled shooter.**
- ▣ **Engage in acts that will require very high skill level:**
 - ▣ **Noise**
 - ▣ **Movement**
 - ▣ **Distance**
 - ▣ **Distractions**

Evacuate

- ▣ **Only 2% of Violent Intruder events have been by more than one person.**
- ▣ **If he is inside, you get outside.**
- ▣ **Cannot use car to evacuate**
- ▣ **Reunification points established**



A.L.i.C.E.

**When faced with
Danger,
You Must DO
Something.**

"In a moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing. The next best thing is the wrong thing. The worst thing you can do is nothing."

Theodore Roosevelt

Definitions

- **Active Shooter**

Suspect (s) activity is immediately causing death or serious bodily injury. The activity is not contained and there is immediate risk of death or serious injury to potential victims.

- **Immediate Deployment**

The swift and immediate deployment of law enforcement resources to an on-going, life-threatening situation where delayed deployment could otherwise result in death or great bodily injury to innocent persons.



Three Elements of Response

- Quick Assessment
- Communicate assessment
- Quick Intervention

Police Priorities During An “Active Shooter” Situations

- The capture or neutralization of the suspect, as soon as possible
- The lives of those in proximity of the shooter
- The lives and safety of citizens in the area
- Containment
- After event investigation and a return to normalcy