Active Survival
The ABC’s to Active Shooter Response
An individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area in most cases, active shooters use firearm[s] and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims.
Columbine High School
Littleton, CO

April 20, 1999

13 Killed
24 Wounded
Columbine – The Library
History

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech)
Blacksburg, VA

April 16, 2007

32 Killed
17 Wounded
### Norris Hall

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History

Sandy Hook Elementary
Newtown, CT

December 14, 2012

27 Killed
2 Wounded
Terrorist Attacks on France

Paris, France

November 13, 2015

130 Killed
368 Wounded
History

Charlotte, NC
October 2007
Moe’s in Dilworth
Ex-employee kills 2

Charlotte, NC
January 2014
North Ridge Middle
Student with a plan

Charlotte, NC
December 2015
Northlake Mall
Shots fired, 1 dead
A STUDY OF ACTIVE SHOOTER INCIDENTS IN THE UNITED STATES BETWEEN 2000 AND 2013

Published: September 2014

160 Events
486 Killed
557 Wounded
A study of active shooter incidents in the United States between 2000 and 2013

Frequency
A study of active shooter incidents in the United States between 2000 and 2013

- Business: 46%
- School: 24%
- Government: 10%
- Other: 20%

Location
A STUDY OF ACTIVE SHOOTER INCIDENTS IN THE UNITED STATES BETWEEN 2000 AND 2013

Most Powerful Weapon Used

- **Pistol**: 60%
- **Rifle**: 24%
- **Shotgun**: 12%
- **Other**: 4%

- **37%** - Multiple Weapons used
- **4%** - Wore Body Armor
- **2%** - Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) used
Average Active Shooter Event = 12 minutes
69% ended < 5 min

Average CMPD Response Time = 6.2 minutes*
Average SWAT Response Time = 50 minutes

* Based on CMPD’s response times for a Priority 1 call for service in 2015
Even when law enforcement was present or able to respond within minutes...

civilians often had to make life and death decisions, and therefore, should be engaged in training and discussions on decisions they may face.
Signs of Potential Workplace Violence

An active shooter may be a current or former employee

- History of Violence
- Threatening / Intimidating Behavior
- Depression / Withdrawal
- Severe Mood Swings
- Sudden Negative Life Change
- Suicidal Comments
- Abuses Drug/Alcohol

Alert your Human Resources Department if you believe an employee exhibits potentially violent behavior.
Denial/Deliberation

- Those are not fireworks
- Controlled Breathing
- Shift Your Emotion
- Mental Scripting
- Training/Drills

Last Student Death by Fire:
December 1, 1958
The ABC Survival Plan

Avoid
Barricade
Counter
Avoid

- Don’t hesitate, leave immediately
- Know your exit plan
- Do not pull the fire alarm
- Prevent others from entering an area where the shooter may be
- Call 911 when you are safe
- Notify others of your location
Barricade

- Lock doors
- Fortify the door
  - Inward vs. Outward
  - Door closer hinge
  - Plug the doorway
- Turn off lights
- Look for secondary exits
- Positioning
- Wait for law enforcement
Fight as a last resort and only when the shooter has entered your room

Find “Weapons of Opportunity” or items to throw at the shooter

Grab the gun

Sensory overload

Positioning

TAKE ACTION…
YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT!!!
When Law Enforcement Arrives

- Drop items in your hands (i.e. cell phone, CCW)
- Raise hands and spread fingers
- Avoid sudden movements toward officers
- Avoid screaming or yelling
- You will be searched for weapons
Law Enforcement Outer Containment

- Treat Injured
- Locate/Identify Everyone
- Notify Family/Friends
- Interviewing Witnesses

Do not leave until instructed to do so by Law Enforcement
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Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department
Crime Prevention Unit
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