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Active Threat  
Options for Consideration  
Run Hide Fight



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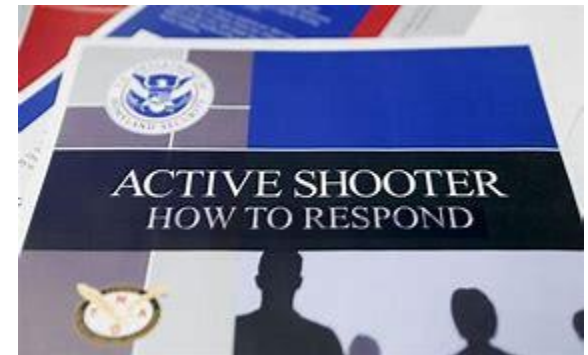
# Today's Discussion

- Training vs. Facilitated Discussion
- Tools for Life Tool Box
- Active Threat
- Lockdowns vs. Stay in Place
- Evolution of police response
- How to react to an active shooter
- DHS Resources

# Active Hazard

Natural, Accidental or Intentional

which creates an immediate threat or presents an imminent danger



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# DHS Active Threat

Individual(s) actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area

Vehicle Knife Firearm

# How to Respond to Hazards

## Lockdowns

Hard - Shelter in Place

Soft - Stay in Place



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# Active Assailant Situation Overview

Active Assailant can attack our workplaces, schools, hospitals, etc.

Although many perpetrators have a history of negative—sometimes violent—behavior, **there is still no single, accurate one-size-fits-all profile of an active shooter**



# Characteristics of an Active Threat Incident

In most cases, there is **no pattern or method to the selection of victims**

Most active shooter situations are **unpredictable and evolve quickly**

**Preparedness and awareness** are key to helping protect our employees, our customers, and ourselves



# Active Threat Motivations

- Terrorism
- Workplace Violence
- School Violence
- Domestic Violence

# 2012 Joint Intelligence Bulletin

- From investigations and analysis, many active shooters were described as social isolates, harbored feelings of hate and anger
- Individual has a Grievance – Real or Perceived

# Active Shooter Incidents

- August 1, 1966 – Tower of Texas - 17 killed and 32 wounded
- April 20, 1999 – Columbine, Colorado - 13 Killed and 21 wounded
- December 2, 2015 – San Bernardino, California  
14 killed and 22 wounded
- June 12, 2016 – Orlando, Florida  
49 killed and 53 wounded

# Vehicle Attacks

- July 15, 2016 - Nice, France - Truck Attack  
84 killed and 300 injured
- November 28, 2016 - Ohio State University – Vehicle and Knife Attack 11 injured
- October 31, 2017 - New York City Bike Path – Vehicle Attack  
8 killed and 12 injured

17 attacks nationally from 2014-2017

Initial ramming is often followed by a secondary attack

Requires minimal planning and coordination

# Houses of Worship

- August 5, 2012 - Sikh Temple of Wisconsin, Oak Creek, WI  
6 Killed and 4 wounded
- June 17, 2015 - Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church  
Charleston, South Carolina - 9 killed
- September 24, 2017 - Burnette Chapel Church of Christ  
Antioch, Tennessee - 1 killed and 8 wounded
- November 5, 2017 - First Baptist Church, Sutherland Springs, Texas  
26 killed and 20 wounded
- November 5, 2017 - St. Alphonsus Church, Fresno, California  
2 killed
- October 27 , 2018 – Tree of Life Synagogue, Pittsburgh, PA  
11 Killed and 6 wounded

# Workplace Scenario



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# Lone Wolf



# The Pathway to Violence



# Pathway to Violence

- Individuals are consumed with a combination of **negative emotions and attitudes**
- These can result in observable words or deeds.

Depression

Anger

Powerlessness

Superiority

Arrogance



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# Behavioral Indicators

- Talking about previous violent incidents
- Expressions of suicidal thoughts
- Unsolicited focus on firearms or other weapons
- Overreaction to workplace changes
- Increased use of alcohol or drugs
- Violations of company policies
- Expressions of paranoia
- Angry outbursts
- Increased absenteeism
- Exploiting or blaming others
- Withdrawal



# Behavioral Indicators

- loss of significant relationships
- changes in financial status
- feelings of humiliation or rejection on the part of the shooter

# Options For Considerations: Run Hide Fight

# Responding to an Active Shooter Situation

In an active shooter situation, you should quickly determine the most reasonable way to protect your own life.

**Run:** If there is an accessible escape path, attempt to evacuate the premises

**Hide:** If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide where the active shooter is less likely to find you

**Fight:** As a last resort, and only when your life is in imminent danger, attempt to disrupt and/or incapacitate the active shooter

# Active Shooter: What You Can Do

An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and other populated area. In most cases, active shooters use firearms and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims. Active shooter situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly. All employees can help prevent and prepare for potential active shooter situations. This course provides guidance to individuals, including managers and employees, so that they can prepare to respond to an active shooter situation.

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is907.asp>

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