

# Active Shooter/Killer aka: Immediate Deployment aka: Rapid Response

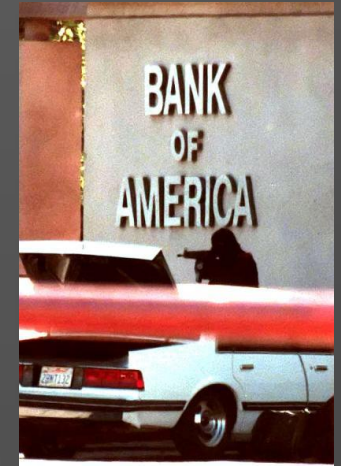


Accept the reality  
It can happen anywhere

# Traditional Patrol Response to Critical Incidents

- Method used by Law Enforcement for over 30 years
- Upon arrival at the scene, Patrol Officers:
  - ✓ XXXXXXXX
  - ✓ Gather information/ Help Victims
  - ✓ XXXXXXXX SWAT to arrive
  - ✓ xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
  - ✓ Patrol response is rapid/immediate deployment

# History of Active Shooter Incidents





**Mass Murderers are hard to profile**

## **Texas Tower Incident:**

- *August 1966, Austin, TX*
- *Killed 15 people and wounded 30 from sniper position*
- *Resolved by two police officers*

## **McDonald's Massacre:**

- *July 1984, San Ysidro, CA*
- *Killed 21 people, wounded 11*
- *Killed by Police Sniper*
- *77 minutes*

# North Hollywood Bank Robbery:

- *February 1997, N. Hollywood, CA*
- *S-1, Larry Phillips & S-2, Emil Matasareanu*
- *Nearly 2000 rounds fired in total*
- *Wounded 13 people*
- *One suspect commits suicide, the other is killed by SWAT*
- *44 minutes of gunfire*
- *300 plus officers*
- *Reason for AR-15 on patrol*



## Columbine High School:

- *April 1999, Littleton, CO*
- *S-1, Harris & S-2, Klebold (17-18yrs old)*
- *Killed 13 people, wounded 20*
- *Both suspects commit suicide after 50 minutes*
- *SWAT enters school 2hrs after suicide*
- *POLICE criticized for delayed response*





## Salt Lake City, Utah

- *February 2007, Trolley Square Mall*
- *Killed 5 people, wounded 4 people*
- *Stopped by armed, off-duty Police Officer, Ken Hammond and responding Salt Lake City PD Officers.*

## Santana High School

- *March 2001, Santee, CA*
- *2 people killed, wounded 13 people*
- *Suspect taken into custody w/o further incident 4 minutes after Police arrival, long before SWAT teams ever arrive*



# Virginia Tech:

- ▣ *S-Seung-Hui Cho*
- ▣ *Two separated crime scenes*
- ▣ *32 killed*
- ▣ *Shooter chained 3 doors from inside*
- ▣ *Took police 5 minutes to force open doors*
- ▣ *Once inside, police charge towards gunfire*
- ▣ *suicide*



- Hillsdale High School
- Skyline Community College
- Oikos University (7 killed/3 wounded)
- Norway Summer camp attack (77)
- Colorado Massacre (12 dead/58 wounded)
- Sandy Hook -(27 Killed)-Suicide
- Washington Navy Yard- (13 killed, 3 inj) killed by police
- Fort Hood, TX – 2 separate shootings.
  1. 13 killed, 32 injured -Injured during shootout.
  2. 3 killed, 16 injured- Suicide after confrontation w/ Police
- Isla Vista, Santa Barbara -7 dead, 7 wounded – Suicide after shootout with police



- *June 2016 – Pulse nightclub*  
49 killed, 50 injury. Police Shoot Omar Mateen (29)



- *Dec 2015 – San Bernardino*  
Married couple Syed Farook & Tashfeen Malik open fire on an employee gathering taking place at Inland Regional Center killing 14 people. They are killed in a shootout with police later in the day.



- *Oct 2017 – Las Vegas Massacre*  
Stephen Paddock fires from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Resort into a crowd attending a country music festival. At least 59 people were killed and more than 515 injured. Suspect committed suicide upon confrontation with police.

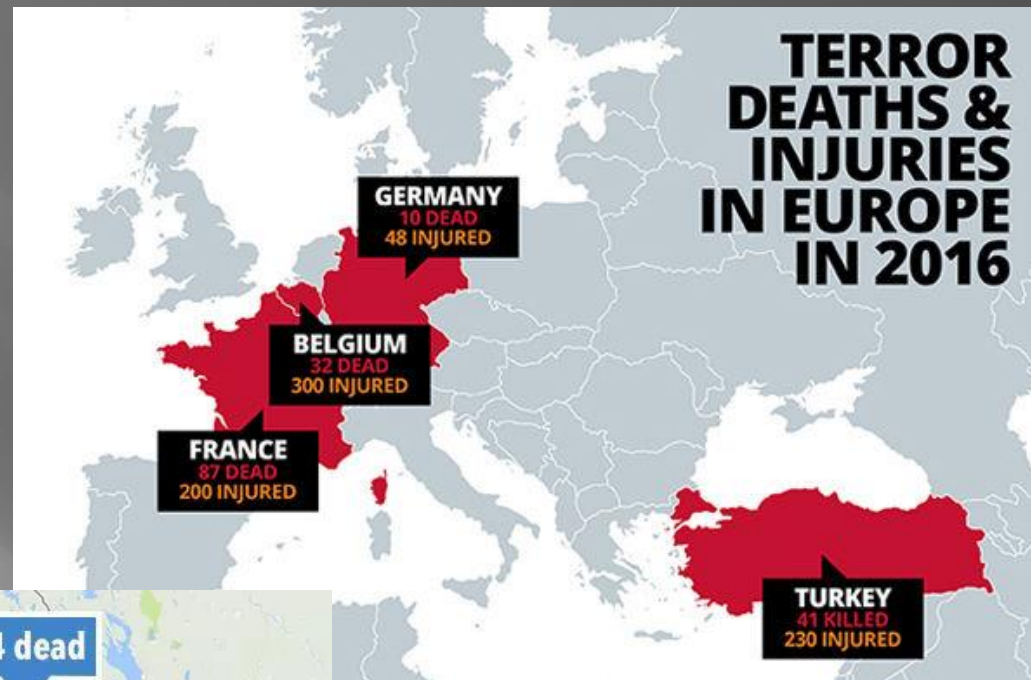


- Parkland, Florida – 17 killed
- First Baptist Church, Sutherland, TX- 26 killed
- YOUTUBE

# Mumbai India 2008

- *Several locations were attacked simultaneously*
- *These attack succeeded in paralyzing Indian law enforcement*
- *Destroyed command principal- too many incidents at once, who was in charge? Where would the command post be?*
- *POLICE were Overwhelmed*
- *3 days of attacks*
- *164 people were killed, 308 people were wounded*
- *Development of XXXXX*
- *(XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX)*





- *Van/truck/car attacks-UK, Germany, France*
- *Manchester concert Bomb*
- *Airport Bombs – Brussels*
- *Train Attacks*

# Communication

- Radio contact must occur so that other responders know what is taking place
- High risk of blue on blue crossfire

## Prepare for the worst case scenario

- Think about equipment
- What will you need if faced with such an incident?

## Lessons learned:

- Active shooter incidents are spontaneous, little or no warning
- Suspect's behavior unpredictable- Some of these mass shooters were known to have violent tendencies or criminal pasts. Others seemed largely fine until they attacked. Majority are male suspects. More than half, died at or near the scene of the shooting, often by killing themselves.
- Incidents occur in a target rich environment, malls, schools, Gov't buildings, churches, etc.
- ▣ The shootings happened very quickly. 69% ended in five minutes or less, and nearly half ended in two minutes or less.
  - Early on, First responders were outgunned and/or didn't have the training to respond to an active shooter situation.
  - Active shooter training and patrol rifles are needed counter the killers. Benefits of a rifle vs pistol?
  - A tactical intervention was too late. This won't be a SWAT operation
  - Multi-jurisdictional response issues were present. Responders will come from several jurisdictions

# Definitions:

## **Active Killer**

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

## **Immediate Deployment**

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



# Definitions:

## **Dynamic Situation**

-The situation is evolving very rapidly along with the suspect's action. I.e.. Shooting and moving

VS

## **Static Situation/Not Active**

-The situation is not evolving or in motion, suspect actions appear to be contained. I.e.. Suspect is barricaded in a room.

# Definitions:

## Incident transition

Suspect has become inactive & ceases their aggressive behavior, situation transitions to more traditional tactical response

## Barricaded suspect/static shooter

Suspect is in position of advantage, usually barricaded. Suspect is armed and refuses to surrender. May or may not have hostages. No indication that the suspect's activity is immediately causing GBI or death. Not dynamic.

## Traditional Barricaded incident:

- (Patrol containment), time is not critical
- structured and deliberate tactical plan

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# When is Immediate deployment utilized?

1. Suspect is displaying aggressive, deadly behavior, actively killing or GBI, and additional victims are at risk. This is a result of: Active shooter, edged weapons, detonating explosives

2. Incident location contains multiple victims. I.e.. Schools, daycare, playgrounds, movie theaters etc.

3. Citizen/Officer rescue where:

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## Active shooter response:

### First responding officers might be:

- ✓ SROs/YSB Officer
- ✓ Any POLICE on-duty
- ✓ Individual tactical officers
- ✓ Off Duty,.....
- ✓ Probably from several different agencies
- ✓ Civilians

# Initial Responsibilities

Assess

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Communicate

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# Team RESPONSIBILITIES

1. XXXX
2. XXXX
3. XXXX

**FCPD Policy**  
and  
County Protocol

## FCPD Rapid Response & Deployment Policy (424) FCPD Lexipol Policy December 2019:

424.4 CONSIDERATIONS When dealing with a crisis situation members should: (a) Assess the immediate situation and take reasonable steps to maintain operative control of the incident.

(b) Obtain, explore and analyze sources of intelligence and known information regarding the circumstances, location and suspect involved in the incident.

(c) Attempt to attain a tactical advantage over the suspect by reducing, preventing or eliminating any known or perceived threat.

(d) Attempt, if feasible and based upon the suspect's actions and danger to others, a negotiated surrender of the suspect and release of the hostages.

### FIRST RESPONSE

- If there is a reasonable belief that acts or threats by a suspect are placing lives in imminent danger, first responding officers should consider reasonable options to reduce, prevent or eliminate the threat. Officers must decide, often under a multitude of difficult and rapidly evolving circumstances, whether to advance on the suspect, take other actions to deal with the threat or wait for additional resources.
- If a suspect is actively engaged in the infliction of serious bodily harm or other life-threatening activity toward others, officers should take immediate action, if reasonably practicable, while requesting additional assistance.
- Officers should remain aware of the possibility that an incident may be part of a coordinated multi-location attack that may require some capacity to respond to other incidents at other locations.



# FCPD Procedure

- ▣ Acts or threats by a suspect are placing lives in imminent danger...consider options to immediately eliminate the threat
- ▣ Advance in teams of two or more officers if possible
- ▣ Effectively communicate with others in the field
- ▣ If barricaded and no hostages and no immediate threat to others, consider SWAT, and/or negotiation team
- ▣ If suspect is actively engaged in any life threatening activity towards others, officer should take **IMMEDIATE** action to stop the threat while calling for add'l assistance.

# County Protocol

1. Stop the threat as soon as possible
2. The lives of those in close proximity of the shooter
3. The lives and safety of citizens in the area
4. Safety of police officers
5. Containment
6. Transition to tactical team
7. Preserve crime scene

# County Protocol

- Initial officer is IC until relieved
- IC Identifies if immediate deployment is necessary
- IC will form a contact, rescue and search team and ID TLs (into correct formation)
- Transition into traditional tactical response if necessary

# Citizen Response

Businesses are forced to teach something:

**Run, Hide, Fight**

# TACTICS & MOVEMENT

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# Summary:

- Be ready, “Active Killer incidents” are on the rise
- Upon arrival, depending on ETA of other units,  
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- XXXX
- Active Shooters are NOT bent on escaping and evasion of arrest in most cases
- High percentage of Active Shooters are suicidal and have no rational escape plan (90% of suspects create a police shooting or kill themselves in less than 30 minutes after police arrive)