

University of South Carolina Division of Law Enforcement and Safety Response

1. Two Division officers are trained and certified as Active Shooter Instructors.
2. All sworn Division officers have been trained in rapid deployment/active shooter tactics.
3. All sworn officers receive annual refresher training in the area of rapid deployment/active shooter.
4. Training is updated and improved as new techniques are developed so that Division officers are abreast of current trends and tactics.
5. Training developed by Division personnel has been used as a model for other state agencies.

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IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY

911



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Community Response to an Active Shooter Incident

Law Enforcement Response

In response to active shooter incidents, your Division of Law Enforcement and Safety has developed and trained in rapid deployment tactics to deal with these threats.

What is an active shooter?

“One or more subjects who participate in a random or systematic shooting spree, demonstrating their intent to continuously harm others. Their overriding objective appears to be mass murder, rather than other criminal conduct.”

-Team One Network (2007)

What is Rapid Deployment?

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

-National Tactical Officers Association (1999)

Recommended Actions

How you respond must take into account your specific circumstances.

**Remember,
there may be more than one shooter.**

If an active shooter is OUTSIDE your building

- Proceed to a room that can be locked.
 - Close, lock, and barricade windows and doors.
 - Turn off the lights.
 - Get down low ensuring that you are not visible from the outside
 - Silence all cellular phones and remain quiet.
 - Have one person call 911
 - Do not unlock the door or respond to voices unless absolutely certain that it is the police.
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If an active shooter is INSIDE your building

- Determine whether the room can be locked.
 - If so, follow the instructions above.
 - If not, determine if there is a nearby room that can be locked and whether it is safe to proceed there or whether it is safe to escape outside.
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If an active shooter enters your room

- Try to remain calm.
- If possible, dial 911. If you cannot speak, leave the line open to allow the dispatcher to hear what is going on.
- If you are unable to escape or hide, act within your abilities, but do not do anything to further jeopardize your safety.
- If the shooter leaves, proceed immediately to a safer location.



What to Expect from the Police

Responding officers are trained to proceed immediately to the shooter. Depending on the circumstances, they may pass you by in an attempt to reach the shooter. If you can direct them to the shooter, do so, but do **not** attempt to halt their movement.

Responding officers may not know the identity of the shooter and may therefore treat anyone they encounter as a possible suspect. If you encounter police, keep your hands visible and follow **all** commands given. Keep in mind that you may be told to get on the ground and you may be restrained until officers are able to resolve the situation.

What to Report

The police will need specific information:

- Building name/room number
- Number of suspects, detailed descriptions (e.g. age, race, gender, clothing, physical features, etc.)
- Type of weapons (e.g. handgun, long gun, explosives, etc.)
- Number of victims and types of injuries