

# Active Threat Response Training



# INTRODUCTION

## GOAL

Students will improve their understanding of an active threat incident (active attack event) and better appreciate their role as well as that of first responders.

# INTRODUCTION

## OBJECTIVES

1. Correctly identify the options a citizen has when an active threat incident (active attack event) occurs.
2. Explain how you would use resources available to you in a given environment to protect yourself and others.
3. Demonstrate an accurate knowledge of ways to correctly communicate with law enforcement.

# DEFINITIONS

## Active Shooter (FBI):

“An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a populated area”

## Active Threat / Active Attack Event

- ▣ Suspect(s) actively engaged in causing or threatening to cause death or great bodily injury to others.
- ▣ The incident location will normally contain a large number of victims and potential victims.
- ▣ The incident is active/on-going when law enforcement arrives.



# Traditional Patrol Response to Critical Incidents

- ✦ Method used by Law Enforcement for several decades
- ✦ When First Responders arrive at the scene:
  - ✦ Secure the Perimeter
  - ✦ Contain the Incident
  - ✦ Help Victims
  - ✦ Gather Information
  - ✦ Wait for SWAT to arrive
- ✦ This **DOES NOT** work with an **active threat / attack**.

# Columbine High School

- ▣ Tuesday, April 20, 1999, **11:19 a.m.**
- ▣ Littleton, CO
- ▣ Killed: **13 people**
- ▣ Wounded: **20+ people**
- ▣ Both perpetrators committed suicide at **12:08 p.m.**



# Columbine High School

## April 20, 1999

### TIMELINE

- **11:19 a.m.**  
Shooting begins
- **11:22 a.m.**  
Police response
- **11:29 a.m. – 11:36 a.m.**  
Library massacre
- **12:08 p.m.**  
Perpetrators commit suicide

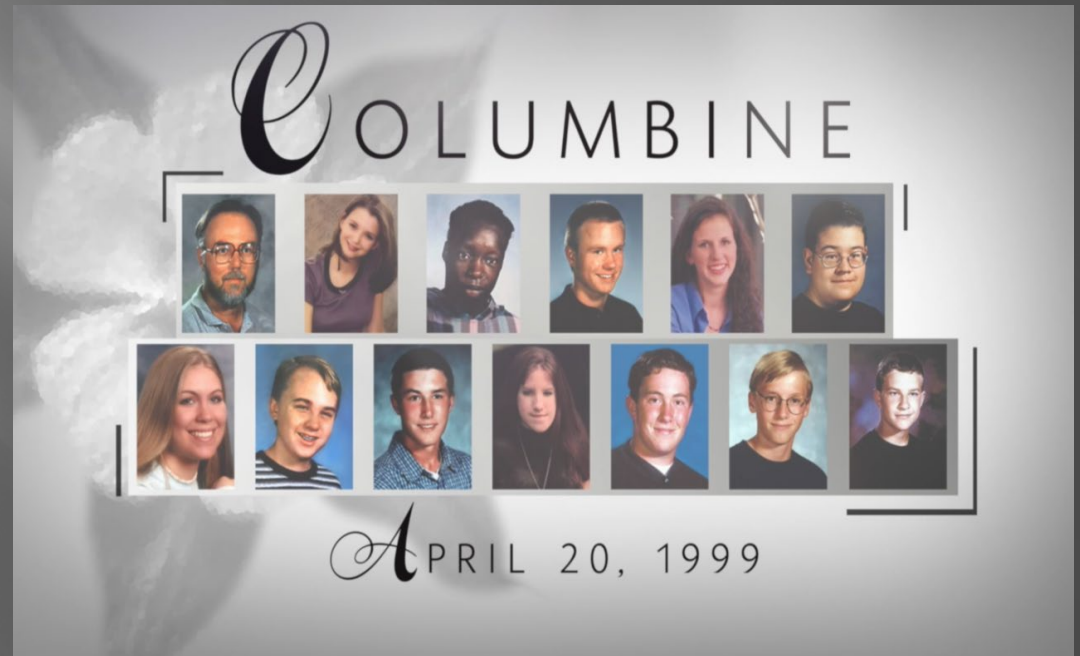


# Columbine High School

## April 20, 1999

### VICTIMS

1. William David Sanders (47)
2. Rachel Scott (17)
3. Isaiah Shoels (18)
4. Daniel Rohrbough (15)
5. Lauren Townsend (18)
6. Kyle Velasquez (16)
7. Cassie Bernall (17)
8. Steven Curnow (14)
9. Matthew Kechter (16)
10. Kelly Fleming (16)
11. John Tomlin (16)
12. Daniel Mauser (15)
13. Corey DePooter (17)



<https://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/national/survivors-of-columbine-shooting-open-up-about-their-lives-20-years-after-tragedy>



# PREPAREDNESS

- ▣ In the past 50 years, can you think of any instance in which a student was killed in a school fire?
- ▣ How many have been killed in active shooter events since 2000?

# PREPAREDNESS Totals

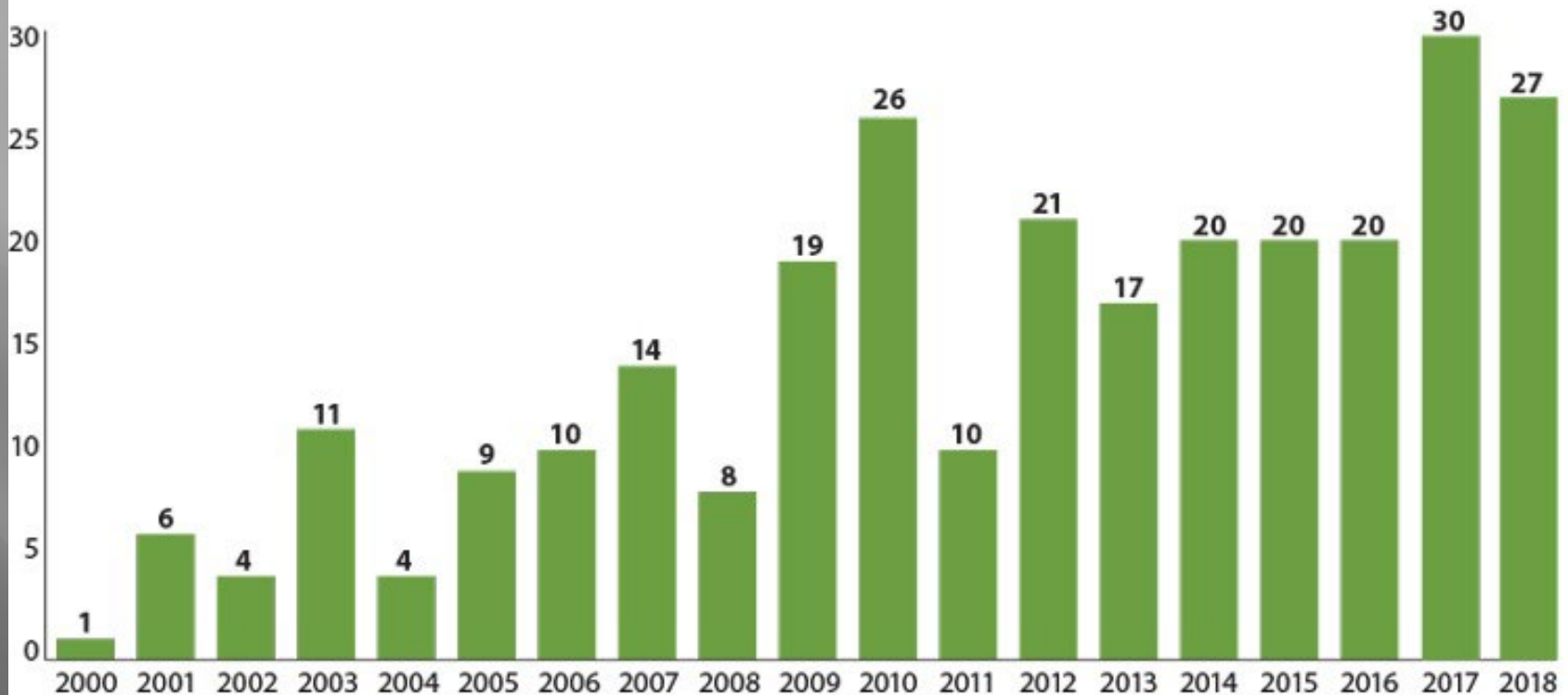


# PREPAREDNESS

## Incidents Per Year

**Quick Look:** 277 Active Shooter Incidents in the United States Between 2000 - 2018

**Incidents Per Year**

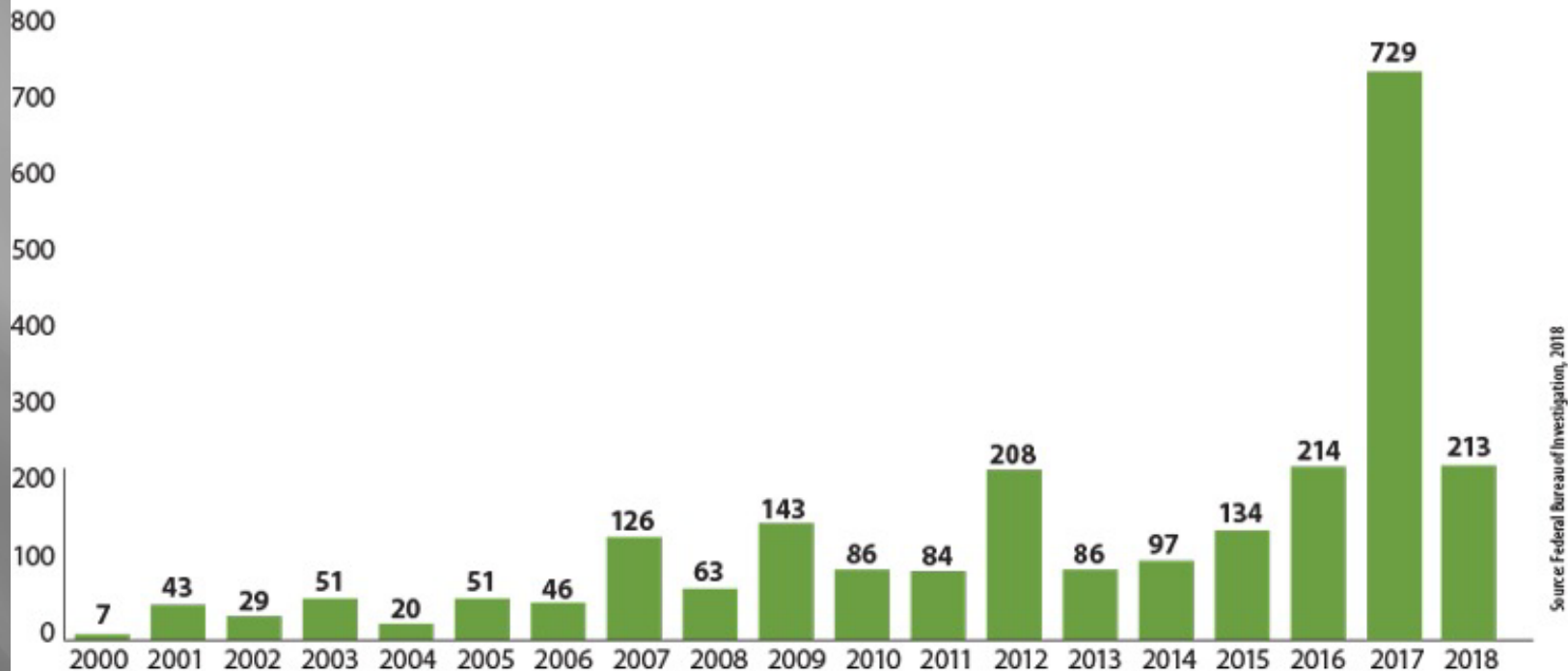


Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2018

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## Casualties Per Year

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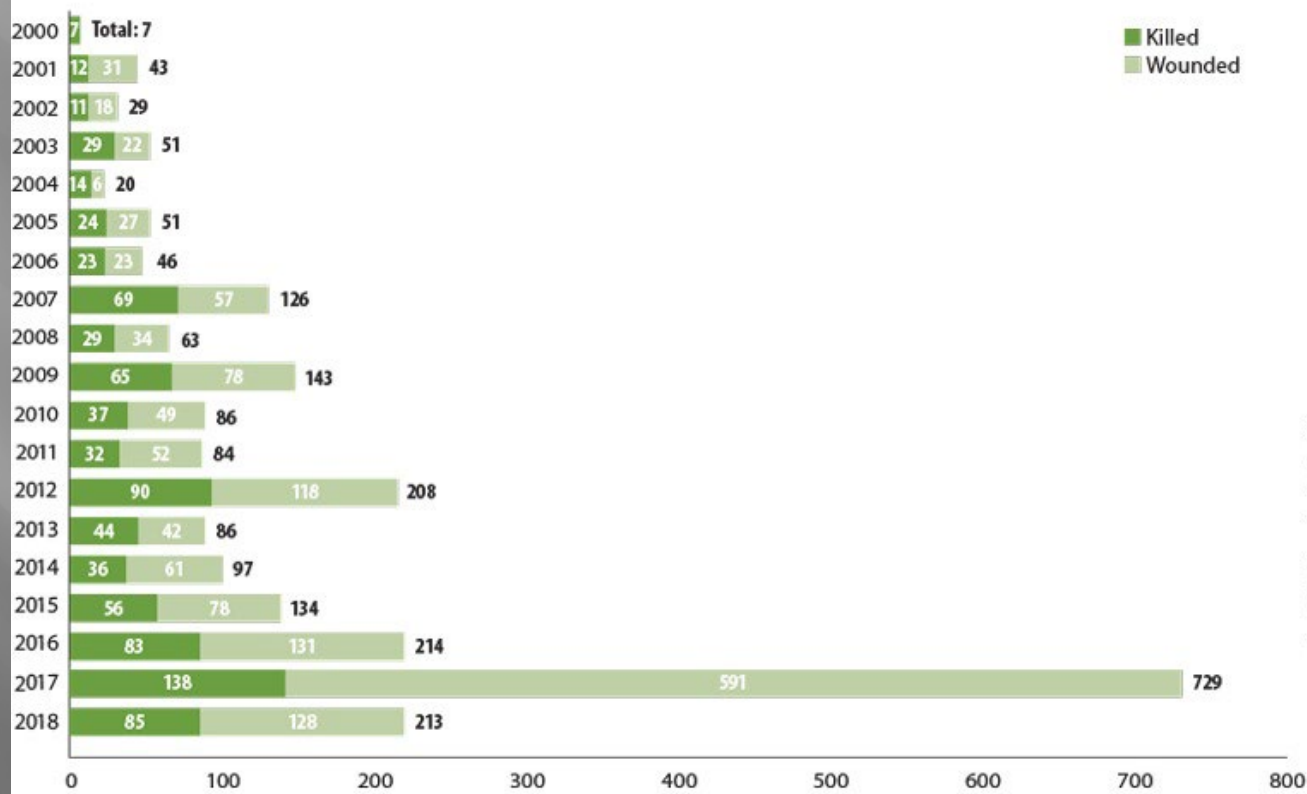


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## Casualty Breakdown Per Year

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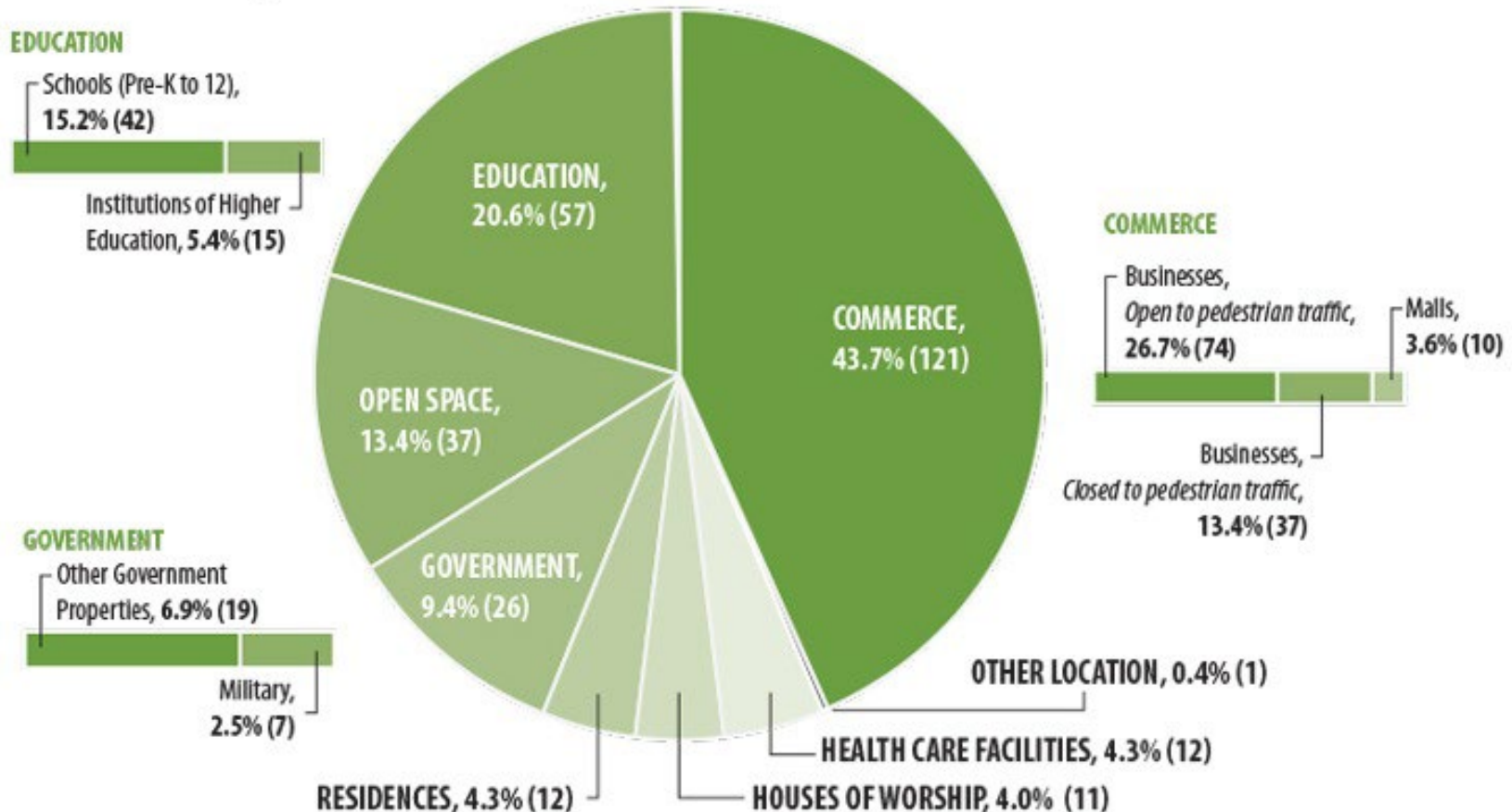


# PREPAREDNESS

## Location Categories

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### Location Categories



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# Preparedness

- ▣ Schools have mandatory fire drills. How many have mandatory active threat drills?
- ▣ Resources:
  - ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate)
  - ALERRT (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training, Texas State University)
  - CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events)
  - ASIM (Active Shooter Incident Management)

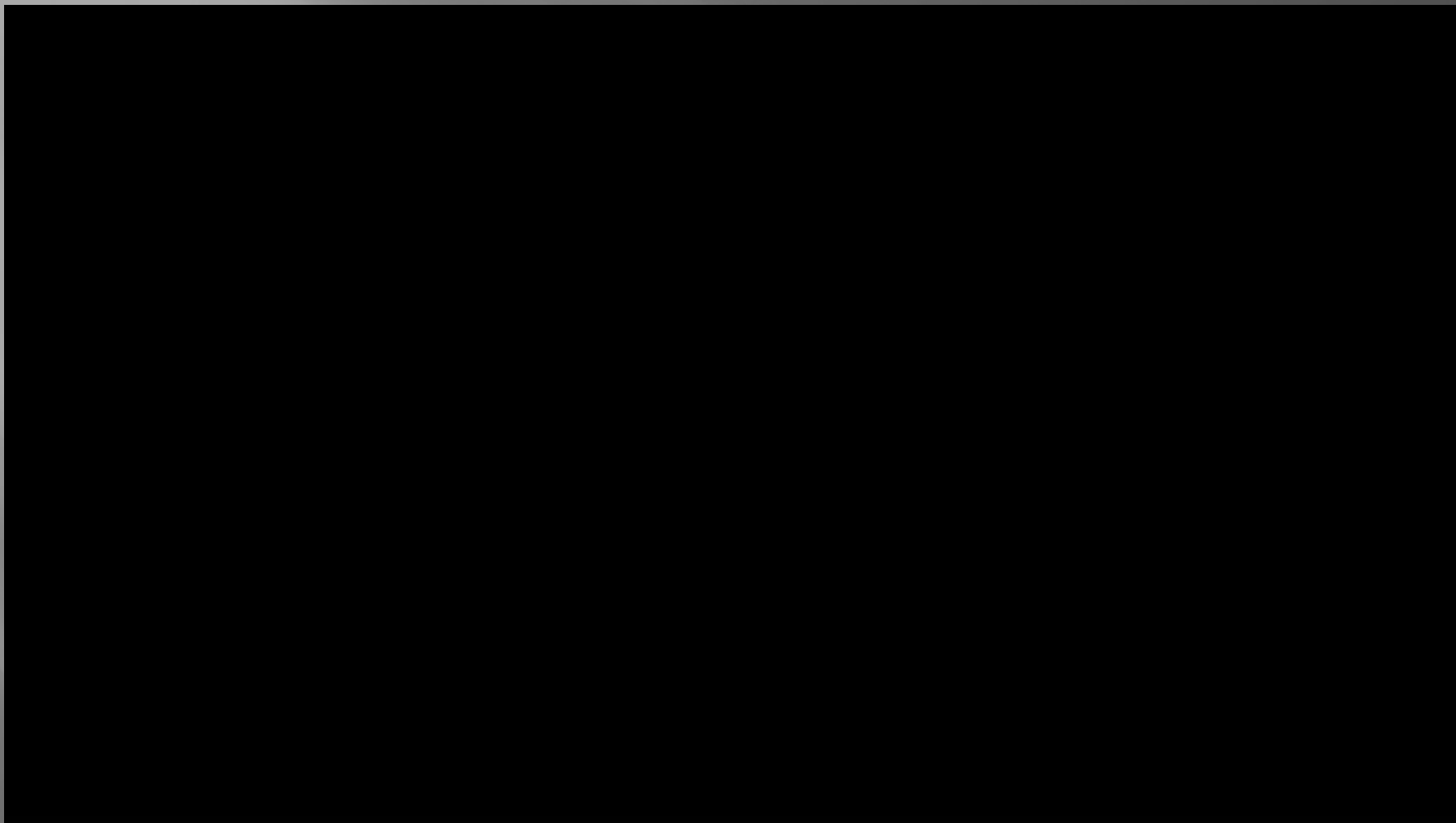
# BREAK TIME





# Non-Traditional Patrol Response to Critical Incidents

- ✦ First responding officers enter immediately.
  - ✦ Locate
  - ✦ Isolate
  - ✦ Contain, and/or
  - ✦ Eliminate the threat(s)
- ✦ So how can you improve the likelihood that you and your coworkers will survive an active threat / attack event?



Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cirg/active-shooter-and-mass-casualty-incidents/run-hide-fight-video>

# Surviving an Active Threat Event

## RUN!

If there is an escape path, attempt to evacuate.

- ▣ Evacuate whether others agree to or not.
- ▣ Leave your belongings behind.
- ▣ Help others escape if possible.
- ▣ Prevent others from entering the area.
- ▣ Call **9-1-1** when you are safe.

# Surviving an Active Threat Event

## HIDE!

If an evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide.

- ▣ Lock and/or blockade the door.
- ▣ Silence your cell phone.
- ▣ Hide behind large objects. (Cover/Conceal)
- ▣ Remain very quiet.

Your hiding place should:

- ▣ Be out of the shooter's view.
- ▣ Provide protection if shots are fired in your direction.
- ▣ Not trap or restrict your options for movement.



# Surviving an Active Threat Event

## SHELTER IN PLACE vs LOCKDOWN

### Shelter In Place (Lockout)

- ▣ Threat is OUTSIDE the facility
- ▣ Secure exterior entrances
- ▣ Move about freely inside
- ▣ Shelter until advised by emergency services

### Lockdown

- ▣ Threat is INSIDE the facility
- ▣ Secure exterior AND interior entrances
- ▣ No free movement inside facility
- ▣ Lockdown until advised by emergency services

# Surviving an Active Threat Event

## FIGHT!

As a last resort, and only if your life is in danger:

- ▣ Attempt to incapacitate the suspect.
- ▣ Act with physical aggression.
- ▣ Improvise weapons.
- ▣ Commit to your actions.

# Resources

## **HOMELAND SECURITY** Active Shooter Survival Kit



**"ASSAULT" ROCK**



**"CUTTING" PAPER**



**AND...SCISSORS.**



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# Remember!

Active threat suspects are looking for targets of opportunity that involve mass casualties consisting of soft targets.

Are they more likely to attack you if you are attempting to flee or if you have barricaded yourself?

**Think outside the box!**



Realistically, who is responsible  
for my safety?

**I AM!**

# QUESTIONS?



# CONCLUSION

