

# Civilian Active Shooter Preparation and Response



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## FOCUS

- PREPARATION
  - Individual
  - Organization
  - Community

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## Teaching Points

- Define ***active shooter***
- Provide a brief **history** of active shooter events
- Discuss **planning** for an active shooter event
- Explain **what to do** if involved in an active shooter event
- Discuss working with **first responders**
- Discuss **preparations**
- Discuss **organizational planning**
- Discuss **ALERT training for your department**

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## Active Shooter

The FBI defines an “active shooter as an individual actively engaged in killing, or attempting to kill people in a populated area.”

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## History of Active Shooter Events

### San Ysidro McDonald's July 18, 1984

- 21 Killed
- 19 Wounded

### Columbine High School April 20, 1999

- 13 Killed
- 24 Wounded

### Virginia Tech April 16, 2007

- 32 Killed
- 17 Wounded

### Fort Hood Texas November 5, 2009

- 13 Killed
- 32 Wounded

### Sandy Hook Elementary December 14, 2012

- 27 Killed
- 2 Wounded

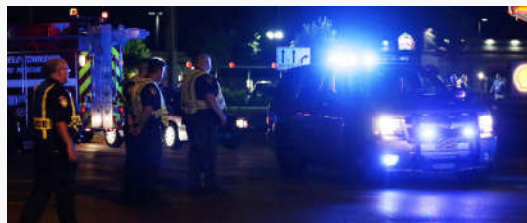
### Pulse Nightclub June 12, 2016

- 49 Killed
- 53 Wounded

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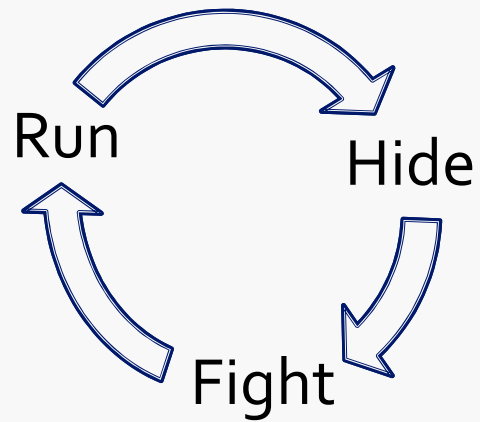
## Active Shooter Events

- **Do not** have an "it will never happen here mindset."
- **Do** have a plan.
- **Do** develop the plan before the event
  - Plan **must be flexible**.



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## What can you do?



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## Considerations

### Situational Awareness

- Exits
- Ability to Hide
- Ability to Barricade
- Availability of Weapons (improvised or otherwise)



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## Police Action

- First priority is to stop the killing.
- Will move directly to the threat.
- Will not render aid until the killing has stopped.



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## Providing Information to the Police

- **Location** of shooter.
- **Number** of shooters.
- **Physical description** of shooters.
- Number and **type of weapons** held by shooters.
- **Number of potential victims** at the location and where are they located.



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## When Police Arrive

- **Remain calm and follow instructions.**
- **Drop any items** in your hands (i.e. bags, jackets).
- **Raise hands** and spread fingers.
- Keep **hands visible** at all times (**free of cell phones** which are commonly mistaken for weapons).
- **Advise responding officers** of the location and condition of any wounded.

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## Medical

- If possible, **provide care.**
- **Take action** as soon as possible. It is critical!
- There won't be enough emergency personnel to care for all of the wounded.
- It gets you involved with **helping people survive.**

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## Organizational Planning

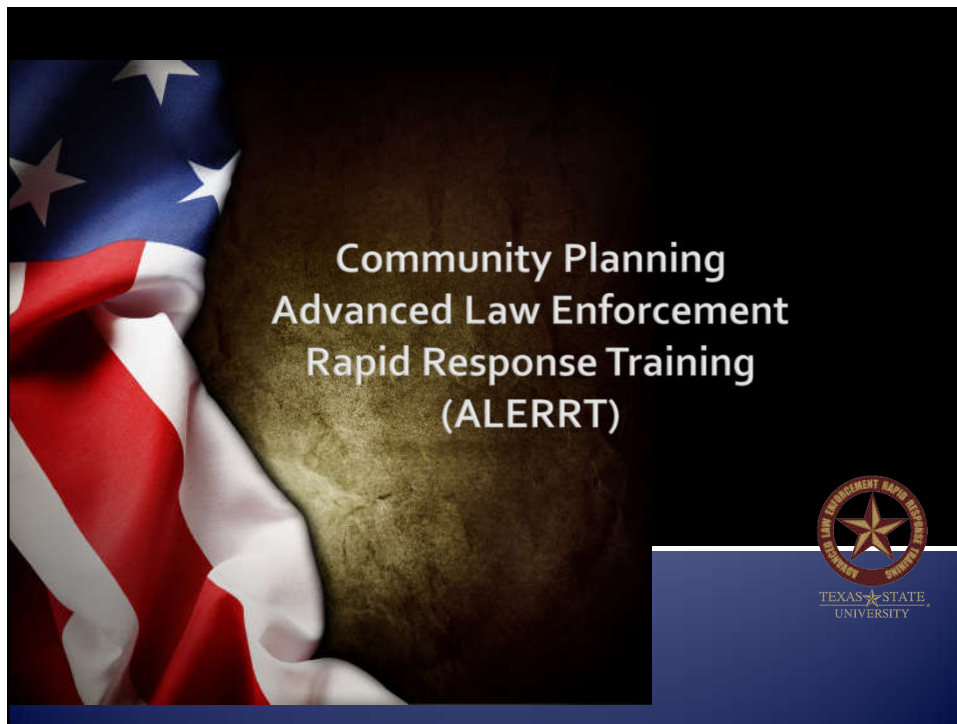
- Have a **plan**
- Be specific to your **location and structure**
- Should be **flexible**
- **Train** the plan
- Plan must not be dependent on hierarchal structure

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## Pre-Attack Indicators

- In many of these events at least one person knew that the attacker was thinking about planning the attack.
- ***If you see or hear something, say something.***

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## ALERRT MISSION

- The ALERRT Center at Texas State University was created in 2002 to address the need for active shooter response training for first responders.
- In 2013, ALERRT at Texas State was named the National Standard in Active Shooter Response Training by the FBI.



## ALERRT MISSION

- **Mission:** To provide the best research-based active shooter response training in the nation.
- **FBI Partnership**  
FBI Special Agents now instruct the ALERRT curriculum across the United States and Territories helping prepare state and local officers while establishing local partnerships with their law enforcement colleagues.

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## ALERRT HOSTING REQUIREMENTS

- The host agency must be a state or local agency. Each class is required to be filled with law enforcement officers from multiple agencies.
- The host agency will be responsible for registration. ALERRT will post the class to their website under 'Upcoming Courses', and list the POC's contact information for registration.
- The host agency is responsible for the advertisement of the class.
- The ALERRT website is: <https://alerrt.org>

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# Questions?

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## Additional Information

- For additional information related to Active Shooter training for Civilians, please contact your local FBI field office.
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