



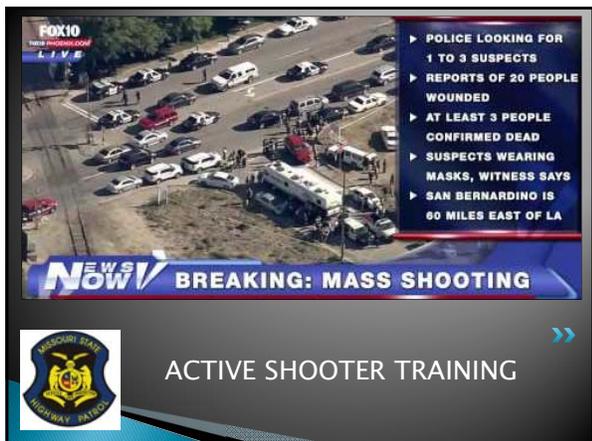
Active Shooter

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ACTIVE SHOOTER – DEFINED

- ▶ An Active Shooter is an individual(s) actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims.
- ▶ Active shooter situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly. Typically, the immediate deployment of law enforcement is required to stop the shooting and mitigate harm to victims.

Run. Hide. Fight
Video can be found at: <http://www.readyhouston.tx.gov/videos.html>



INLAND REGIONAL CENTER – SAN BERNARDINO, CA
DECEMBER 2, 2015 – 11:00 AM

- ▶ Employees with the county health department were attending a holiday event.
- ▶ A current employee and spouse killed 14 and wounded 21 before fleeing in a vehicle.
- ▶ Survivors were hiding in offices, bathrooms, and closets. They texted loved ones that they feared they were next to be shot.
- ▶ Texts from one employee stated she heard gun shots and crying and the situation became more confusing when the fire alarm went off.
- ▶ SWAT Team escorted three survivors out, one of which spoke of seeing multiple bodies on the floor.



Aurora, CO

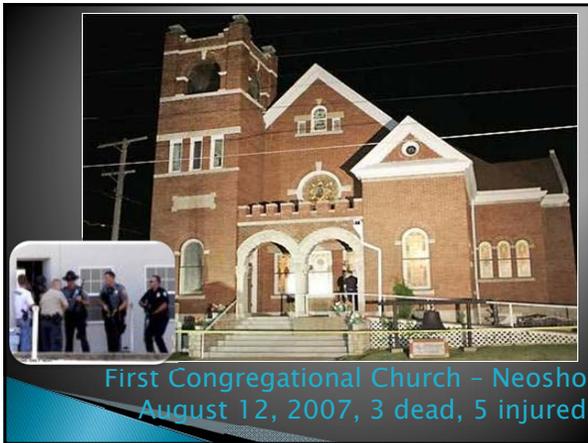
- ▶ July 20, 2012
- ▶ James Holmes shot 70 people in a movie theater. He killed 12 and injured 58 others before being arrested by police.
- ▶ He was found guilty on all 166 counts and sentenced to 12 life sentences plus 3,318 years.



Columbine

- ▶ April 20, 1999: Littleton, Colorado
Two boys, ages 16 and 17, shot 35 students and 1 teacher before committing suicide.
Twelve students and the teacher died.





HOW IT STARTED

- ▶ EIKEN SAIMON JR. DROVE HIS FATHER TO TOWN THAT AFTERNOON. SAIMON SR. WAS UPSET WITH CHURCH MEMBERS ABOUT RECENT ALLEGATIONS HE HAD MOLESTED HIS NIECE.
- ▶ SAIMON SR. DRANK AT LEAST THREE, 24 OUNCE CANS OF BEER.

- ▶ AT APPROXIMATELY 1:45 P.M. SUSPECT EIKEN SAIMON IS DROPPED OFF A FEW BLOCKS FROM THE FIRST CONGESSIONAL CHURCH.
- ▶ HE TOLD HIS SON HE WAS GOING TO PAWN SOME GUNS. THE SON OBSERVED HIM IN POSSESSION OF 2 HANDGUNS.



WEAPONS



**INTRATEC 9MM W/ 50 ROUND
MAGAZINE**



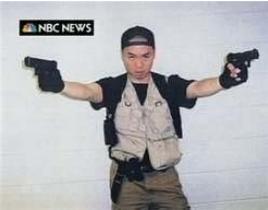
- ▣ AT APPROXIMATELY 1:50 P.M., SAIMON ENTERED THE BASEMENT DOOR ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE CHURCH.
- ▣ HE WALKED THROUGH A CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS AND TOLD THEM TO LEAVE THE BUILDING.
- ▣ SAIMON THEN WALKED UPSTAIRS AND ENTERED THE SANCTUARY.
- ▣ THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 50 MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN INSIDE THE CHURCH BUILDING.

Sanctuary



Surviving an Active Shooter
Video can be found at: <http://activeshooter.lasd.org/>

Virginia Tech



- ▶ April 16, 2007: Blacksburg, Virginia
A gunman killed 33 people in a dorm and a classroom at Virginia Tech. The gunman later died.

Derek O'Dell – Virginia Tech Survivor

- ▶ At first, everyone just froze, trying to understand what was happening. It took a little bit for us to realize this was a shooting, because you just never expect something like that to happen to you. Then those of us who still could, began ducking behind desks and trying to move toward the back of the room.

Safe?



Lock Down Complacency?

- ▶ Students at Virginia Tech University sit in a locked down classroom during the Active Shooter Incident.



LOCK DOWN

- ▶ French Class students in adjoining building of active shooter at Virginia Tech. Photo by Chase Damiano



- ▶ "I saw bullets ricocheting off desks and off the wall as he slowly went around the room killing people. He walked down the aisles, putting the gun to people's heads and shooting them at point-blank range to make sure they were dead."

▶ Derek O'Dell - Virginia Tech Survivor



ACTIVE SHOOTER

- ▶ Because active shooter situations are often over within 10 to 15 minutes, individuals must be prepared both **mentally** and **physically** to deal with an active shooter situation, **before** law enforcement arrives on the scene.

ACTIVE SHOOTER - HOW TO PREPARE

- ▶ Be observant of surroundings and report suspicious behavior - **Awareness!**
- ▶ Formulate a plan as a family in the event of an emergency - **In Advance!**
- ▶ Choose seats that allow a good vantage point and/or a hasty exit
- ▶ Avoid opening night and large crowds that make easy targets?
- ▶ If you are going into a dark area, have a bright flashlight

WHAT TO DO ONCE THE SHOOTING STARTS

- ▶ 1. Figure Out! – Decide your best course of action. (When?)
 - A. Get out: can you safely escape?
 - B. Hide out: is there a good place to hide?
 - C. Take out: will you take out the shooter?

ACTIVE SHOOTER – HOW TO RESPOND

- ▶ 2. Get Out!
 - A. If you can, escape, get out.
 - B. Trust your instincts.
 - C. Leave belongings behind.
- ▶ 3. Hide Out!
 - A. Find a hidden location.
 - B. Find protection.
 - C. Avoid places that trap or restrict movement.
 - D. Spread out (don't huddle) – this gives options for escape and movement and makes you a harder target.

ACTIVE SHOOTER – HOW TO RESPOND

- ▶ 4. Call Out!
 - A. Don't assume someone else is calling.
 - B. Call police for help.
 - C. Be persistent when calling, telephone lines may be jammed.
 - D. Calmly state where you are and what is happening.



ACTIVE SHOOTER – HOW TO RESPOND

- ▶ 5. Keep Out!
 - A. Find a room that locks.
 - B. Blockade the door.
 - C. Be silent.
 - D. Turn out the lights and turn off the noise (i.e., silence, but don't turn off cell phones, etc.).
- ▶ 6. Take Out!
 - A. Make a plan. **When?**
 - B. Act as a team.
 - C. Commit **completely** to your action plan.
 - D. Do whatever is necessary to neutralize the situation.

ACTIVE SHOOTER – HOW TO RESPOND

- ▶ 7. Help Out! – If possible
 - A. Help others stay calm. **Calm breeds calm!**
 - B. Help others escape.
 - C. Warn others.
 - D. Help the injured.
 - E. Keep others away from danger area.

INFORMATION YOU SHOULD PROVIDE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OR 911 OPERATOR

- ▶ Location of the active shooter.
- ▶ Number and type of weapons held by the shooter(s) – Hand/long guns, devices, backpacks, body armor, ammo, etc.
- ▶ Number of shooters observed/heard.
- ▶ Physical description of shooter(s) – W/M, 6', dark hair, wearing color/type pants, shirt s/s-l/s, coat, boots, etc.
- ▶ Number of potential victims at the location.

HOW LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL RESPOND TO AN ACTIVE SHOOTER

- ▶ Police are trained to proceed as quickly as possible to the sound of the gunfire.
- ▶ Their purpose is to stop the shooter.
- ▶ Officers may be in plain clothes, patrol uniforms, or SWAT uniforms armed with long rifles, shotguns, and/or handguns. They will have identification - **Visible?**
- ▶ Do as the officers direct you, and keep your hands visible at all times to show the officers you are not a threat.

HOW LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL RESPOND TO AN ACTIVE SHOOTER

- ▶ If possible, tell the officers where the shooter was last seen, and provide a full description of the shooter and any weapons used - **Intel.**
- ▶ Also, be aware that the first responding police officers will not stop to assist injured people. Others will follow to treat the injured. First responding officers are trained to proceed as quickly as possible to gunfire and stop the shooter.



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WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES ON THE SCENE

HOW YOU SHOULD REACT WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES

- ▶ Remain calm, and follow officers instructions.
- ▶ Avoid pointing, screaming and/or yelling.
- ▶ Immediately raise hands and spread fingers.
- ▶ Keep hands visible at all times.
- ▶ Avoid making quick movements toward officers such as attempting to hold on to them for safety.

HOW YOU SHOULD REACT WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES

- ▶ Do not stop to ask officers for help or direction when evacuating, just proceed in the direction from which officers are entering the premises.

TRAINED TO REACT TO A CRISIS VS. UNTRAINED

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Trained• Feel anxious.• Recall what they've learned.• Prepare to act just as they've rehearsed.• Commit to action. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Untrained• Feel panic.• Are in disbelief or denial.• Are in shock.• Descend to helplessness. |
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IN CONCLUSION

- ▶ Remember to constantly be aware of your surroundings.
- ▶ Active shooter situations are extremely unpredictable and traumatic, but they are survivable.
- ▶ Have a plan in place and give your co-workers/family the best chance to survive!

**"In a moment of decision,
the best thing you can do
is the right thing.
The next best thing is
the wrong thing.
The worst thing you can
do is nothing."
Theodore Roosevelt**



**When a bad guy gets into the
room...**

- ▶ There are two things he might see...





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