Active Shooter Response Plan

University of Minnesota Police Department
Active Shooter Defined

• A suspect or assailant whose activity is immediately causing death and/or serious injury

• A situation where the threat is not contained and there is immediate risk of death or injury
Active Shooters

• We can no longer predict the origin of the next threat
• In some campus shootings, attackers were not students or employees
• In most attacks, there were no specific targets and victims were unaware they were targets until attacked
Active Shooters

• The attacker’s goal is to kill and injure; Their goal is not to escape
• The attacker will not stop until their objectives are met unless engaged by law enforcement
U of M Security Measures

• Personnel
  – Strong law enforcement presence and response capability
  – Training – UMPD officers training annually on active shooter scenarios and range training.
  – Security Monitor Program
U of M Security Measures

- Infrastructure
  - Comprehensive camera surveillance system
  - Solid facilities
  - Places of refuge
  - Multiple escape routes
U of M Security Measures

- Communications
  - Campus phones
  - Blue Light phones
  - Cell phone connection with UMPD dispatch
  - Emergency Notification Systems

- Tone Alert Radios
- Text-U
- Campus-wide e-mail

- Outdoor Public Address
- University Web Page
Your Response

• Your actions will influence others
  – Stay calm
  – Warn others of the danger
  – Follow instructions
  – Call 9-1-1: don’t assume someone has already made the call

• Evacuation

• Stay Put
Evacuation

• Evacuate if escape from the building is safe and possible
• Get far away from the area and seek cover behind a car or in another building
• Call 9-1-1 and report the attack
• Be aware of responding emergency vehicles and personnel
Stay Put

• Secure the immediate area
  – Lock the door and/or block it with whatever is available
  – Most doors are solid core and many walls are brick or block
  – The attacker may try to entice you to open the door
Stay Put

• Get out of sight and keep quiet
  – Close blinds or block the window
  – Put cell phones on mute, radios and computers should be off
  – Get behind anything that could provide protection
  – Don’t huddle together – spread apart
  – Stay calm and quiet
Stay Put

- If able to do so safely, allow others to seek refuge with you
- Attempts to rescue others should only be made if it can be done without endangering the secured area
- Remember the safety of the masses versus the safety of the few
If you face the attacker

• You may have to fight back
  – Use whatever you have available as a means of defense
  – Use superior numbers to your advantage

• The attacker may want you to be passive and give up

• If the attacker enters the room and leaves, lock or barricade the door
Law Enforcement Response

• The Law Enforcement goal is to locate, stop and contain the attacker

• They do not know if you’re a threat
  – Follow directions exactly
  – You may have weapons pointed at you
  – Don’t make sudden movements
  – Keep your hands empty and visible
  – You may be searched
Law Enforcement Response

• Dealing with the injured
  – Initial responding officers will not treat the injured or begin evacuation until the threat is neutralized
Discussion and Questions

• What if.....

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http://www.umn.edu/prepared/txtu/