

Active Shooter Response Plan

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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/#>

