



## Civil Air Patrol – USAF Auxiliary

### La Crosse Composite Squadron

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## ***ACTIVE SHOOTER PREPAREDNESS -- “RUN, HIDE, FIGHT”***

On 15 March, Major Clark and I had the opportunity to attend an Active Shooter Preparedness workshop by the Department of Homeland Security. This day-long workshop covered 6 areas - Recognition, Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response and Recovery.

The April issue of Safety News covered Recognition and Prevention. This issue of Safety News covers the final 4 areas - Protection, Mitigation, Response, Recovery, and resources. Attached you will find a sample protocol poster.

### **PROTECTION**

There are many protection techniques that include:

- Facility security (locks, security cameras, guards, electronic or manual access system, controlled access points).
- Design of facility (safe areas, entry only through reception area, locks on internal doors, window locks, internal responders, “panic” button, “go” bags, safe and accessible areas for people with disabilities)
- Immediate notification process (clear, concise, plain language, internal alerts, responder notification, and external warnings).
  - \*Consider how to communicate with non-English speakers and people with visual or hearing disabilities.
- Also consider hours of operation, time of year, etc.

### **MITIGATION**

- Floor plans, post route maps.
- Systems and protocols in place for “Run, Hide, Fight.”
- Awareness training and exercise/practice “Run, Hide, Fight.”
- Determine evacuation routes and rally points.
- Coordination of Course of Action (CoA) - know what’s happening and what to do.

### **RESPONSE**

- Situational Awareness is the ability to identify, process, and comprehend the critical elements of information about what is happening around you.
- Assist people to safety.

### **RECOVERY**

- Reunification of families.
- Crisis support and grief counseling.
- Establish memorials.
- Find the new “normal.”
- Short and long-term plan to resume operations (continuity planning). \*NOTE: [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) has good information on Continuity of Operations (COOP) plans.
- Scam/fraud awareness.

## **ACTIVE SHOOTER PREPAREDNESS RESOURCES**

### **FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)**

**FEMA CPG 101** = Planning Guide

**FEMA CPG- 201** = Comprehensive Guide on Threat and Hazards Identification and Risk Assessment.

**FEMA IS-906 Course** = Workplace Security Awareness - online course

**FEMA IS-907 Course** = Active Shooter: What You Can Do - online course

**FEMA IS-914 Course** = Surveillance Awareness: What You Can Do - online course

**FEMA IS-915 Course** = Protecting Critical Infrastructure Against Insider Threats - online course

### **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

[www.dhe.gov/active-shooter-preparedness](http://www.dhe.gov/active-shooter-preparedness)

[www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something](http://www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something)

[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

### **FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

[www.fbi.gov/about/partnerships/office-of-partner.../active-shooter-resources](http://www.fbi.gov/about/partnerships/office-of-partner.../active-shooter-resources)

### **DOMESTIC SECURITY ALLIANCE COUNCIL**

[www.dsac.gov/topics/active-shooter-resources](http://www.dsac.gov/topics/active-shooter-resources)

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

<http://www.police.ufl.edu>

## **FINAL THOUGHTS - TOP 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER**

1. Stay calm and assess the situation to determine the location of the threat.
2. Call 9-1-1 as soon as it is safe to do so.
3. Evacuate the area by a safe route if possible, if not seek an area of safe refuge.
4. If you must seek a safe refuge, secure all doors and windows as quickly as possible and barricade as many items between you and the threat as possible (i.e. chairs, tables, cabinets, etc.).
5. Render first aid to injured persons that may be in or near your area.
6. Do not attempt to make contact with the shooter unless no other option is available. If you must have contact with the shooter, attempt to find some cover (solid objects) to place between you and the individual.
7. Be prepared to resist the shooter to neutralize the threat if your life is in imminent danger.
8. If you are barricaded in a room, identify objects that could be used as weapons to deter the threat.
9. Once in a secure location, DO NOT open the door for anyone except for the Police. This includes others seeking refuge, as this may be a ploy by the attacker to gain access. DO NOT leave a secure location during an active threat even if you hear the fire alarm.
10. DO NOT approach police officers as they attempt to locate and neutralize the threat. During this time, the officers are trained to seek out and respond to the threat, which could include the use of deadly force. They are not able to assist with the evacuation or medical assistance to injured parties.

**Semper vigilans!**

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