

# NC STATE UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Faculty Senate

### Active Threat Response

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## Active Threat Response

**Question:** How does the University Police Department prepare for a potential active threat?



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## Active Threat Response Training

- All NC Police Officers are trained on Rapid Deployment in the Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) program.
- The Police Department conducts regular training on an individual squad level for active threat response.
- In cooperation with the Raleigh Police Department, officers are trained in emergency breaching and other techniques for active threat response.
- The Police Department conducts regular simulator weapon handling and decision making skills training program.

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## Active Threat Response Drills

- Simulator Drills
- Centennial Middle School Lockdown Drills
- NCSU PD conducted a response exercise at Page Hall on 10/20 to test patrol response, tactics, and techniques responding to active threats
- Participating in another response drill in March of 2023 with federal partners.
- Working on a response drill with the Raleigh Police Department to be held on campus after graduation.

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## Active Threat Preparation

**Question:** How can your Department/Unit/Classroom prepare for a potential active threat?



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## Active Threat Preparation

Create an Emergency Action Plan to include:

- A preferred method for reporting emergencies (911)
- An evacuation policy and procedure
- Escape routes and floor plan diagrams (similar to a fire drill)
- Safe areas and rallying points
- An emergency notification plan
- A reunification plan

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## Active Threat Preparation

**Training:** the most effective way to train your staff to respond to an emergency situation is to conduct regular evacuation and lockdown drills designed to:

- Recognizing an active threat is occurring
- Reacting quickly once a threat is recognised
- Conducting evacuation and/or lock down procedures in response
- Practice emergency notification procedures
- Contact 911 (simulated)

In addition, conduct quarterly (or semester) training or refresher training about emergency procedures.

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**Preparedness:** the most effective way to be prepared for a potential threat is to plan ahead is by:

- Ensuring that your facility has at least two evacuation routes and training on them
- Posting evacuation routes in conspicuous locations throughout your facility (fire drill maps)
- Train often and include first responders during training exercises
- Encouraging law enforcement, and other emergency responders to train for an active shooter scenario at your location, so they are familiar with the area



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## Active Threat Preparation

How can UPD help in making preparations?

- Make a request to have our Crime Prevention Team conduct a site assessment and make preparation recommendations and recommendations on security updates.
- Request training from UPD on Active Threat Response.
- Ask UPD to assist with any drills you wish to run.
- Work with UPD and SAT on lockdown procedures and other response procedures.

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## Active Shooter Response

**Question:** How should you respond to an active shooter event or some other active threat in your office suite, classroom or open area?

Run, Hide, Fight!

What do we mean by that?

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## Run, Hide, Fight

**RUN** - If there is an accessible escape path, attempt to evacuate the premises.

- Have an escape route and plan in mind
- Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow
- Leave your belongings behind
- Help others escape, if possible
- Prevent individuals from entering an area
- Keep your hands visible
- Follow the instructions of any police officers
- Call 911 when you are safe

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## Run, Hide, Fight

**HIDE** - If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide where the active shooter is less likely to find you.

- Be out of the active shooter's view
- Lock the door
- Blockade the door with heavy furniture
- Silence your cell phone
- Turn off any source of noise (i.e., radios, televisions)
- Hide behind large items (i.e., cabinets, desks)
- Remain quiet

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## Run, Hide, Fight

**FIGHT** - As a last resort, and only when your life is in imminent danger, attempt to disrupt and/or incapacitate the active shooter.

- Acting as aggressively as possible against him/her
- Throwing items and improvising weapons
- Yelling
- Committing to your actions

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## Active Shooter Response

**Question:** What should we expect when Law Enforcement arrives?



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**LAW ENFORCEMENT** - How to react when law enforcement arrives:

- Remain calm, and follow officers' instructions
- Put down any items in your hands (i.e., bags, jackets)
- Immediately raise hands and spread fingers
- Keep hands visible at all times
- Avoid making quick movements toward officers
- Avoid pointing, screaming and/or yelling
- Do not stop to ask officers for help or direction
- Proceed in the direction from which officers are entering the premises

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT** - Information to provide to law enforcement or 911 operator:

- Location of the active shooter/threat
- Number of shooters, if more than one
- Physical description of shooter/threat
- Number and type of weapons held by the shooter/threat
- Number of potential victims at the location

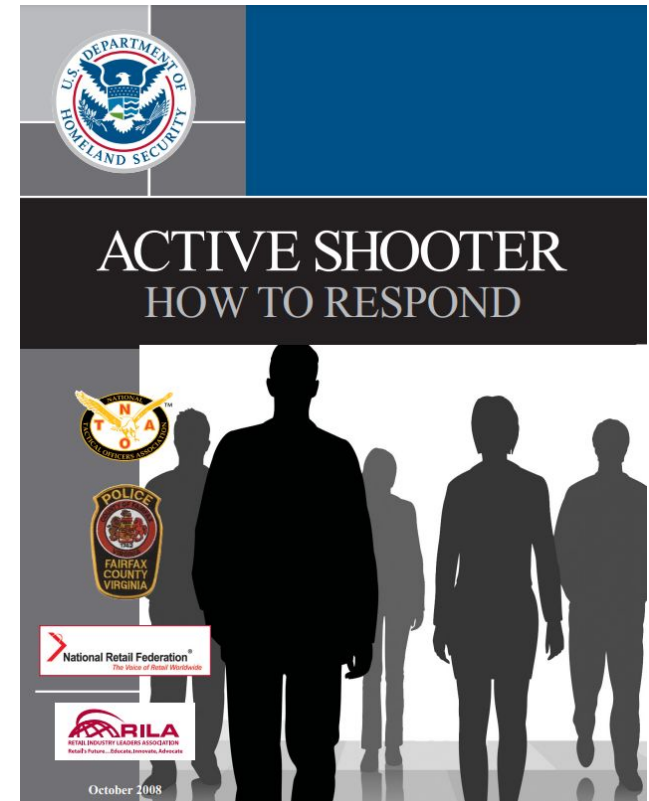


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## Run, Hide, Fight

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has developed a simple 13 page guide on how to respond to an active shooter. It is available at no cost, and can be downloaded at the below link:

[https://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/active\\_shooter\\_booklet.pdf](https://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/active_shooter_booklet.pdf)



# Questions?

