SUBJECT: ACTIVE SHOOTER

Active shooter situations are dynamic, evolve rapidly, and often end before law enforcement arrives at the scene. How you respond to an active shooter will be dictated by the specific circumstances of the encounter and your ability to remain calm and think. If you find yourself in an active shooter situation, try to remain as calm as possible and use these suggested actions to help you plan a strategy for survival. There are three things you could do to make a difference: Run, Hide, Fight.

RUN: When an active shooter is in your vicinity.
- If there is an escape path, attempt to evacuate
- Evacuate whether others agree to or not
- Leave your belongings behind
- Help others escape if possible
- Prevent others from entering the area
- Call to 911 when you are safe

HIDE: If an evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide without restricting your escape options.
- Lock and/or blockade the door
- Silence your cell phone
- Hide behind large objects to provide protection and remain out of the shooter’s view
- Remain very quiet

FIGHT: As a last resort, and only if your life is in danger.
- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter
- Act with physical aggression
- Improvise weapons
- Commit to your actions

Arriving law enforcement's first priority is to engage and stop the shooter as soon as possible. Officers will form teams and immediately proceed to engage the shooter, moving towards the sound of gunfire.

WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES:
- Remain calm and follow instructions
- Keep your hands visible at all times
- Avoid pointing or yelling
- Know that help for the injured in on its way