RUN – HIDE - FIGHT

Surviving an Active Shooter Event
Course Overview

• How to respond when an active shooter is in your vicinity
  – Run
  – Hide
  – Fight

• What to expect when law enforcement arrives

• How to react when law enforcement arrives

• Information to provide the emergency communications center
RUN

• If there is an accessible escape path, attempt to evacuate
  – 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 where the active shooter may be
  – Keep your hands visible
  – Follow the instructions of any police officers
  – Do not attempt to move wounded people
  – Call 828.227.8911 when you are safe
• If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide where the active shooter is less likely to find you

• Your hiding place should:
  – Be out of the active shooters’ view
  – Provide protection if shots are fired in your direction
    • Example – an office with a closed and locked door
  – Not trap you or restrict your options for movement
HIDE Continued

• To prevent an active shooter from entering
  – Lock the door
  – Blockade the door with heavy furniture

• If the active shooter is nearby
  – Silence your cell phone
  – Hide behind large items
  – Remain quiet

• If evacuation and hiding are not possible
  – Dial 828.227.8911, if possible, to alert police to active shooters location
  – If you cannot speak, leave the line open and allow the dispatcher to listen
FIGHT

- As a last resort, and only when your life is in imminent danger, attempt to disrupt and/or incapacitate the shooter
  - Act as aggressively as possible against him/her
  - Throw items and improvise weapons
  - Yell
  - Committing to your actions
What to Expect When Law Enforcement Arrives

• The primary purpose of Law enforcement’s is to stop the active shooter
  – Officers may wear regular patrol uniforms or external bulletproof vests
  – Officers may be armed with rifles, shotguns, handguns
  – Officers may shout commands, and may push individuals to the ground for their safety
How To React When Law Enforcement Arrives

• Remain calm, and follow officers’ instructions
• Put down any items in your hands
• 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 when evacuating, just proceed in the direction from which officers are entering the premises
Information To Provide To Emergency Communications Center

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

• The first officers on scene will not stop to help injured persons.

• Rescue Teams will be created as soon as possible and will treat and remove any injured persons.

• All involved persons will be held in an assembly location until situation is under control. Do not leave until law enforcement officials have instructed you to do so.