PREPARATION AND RESPONSE TO ACTIVE SHOOTER / THREATS R-R-E-B-A



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Active Shooter / Threat

 Definition: The United States Department of Homeland Security defines the active shooter as "an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area.

SIGNIFICANT EVENT

- COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL –APRIL 20TH 1999
- 12 Students 1 Teacher Dead
- 21 More Injured
- Two Shooters
- Weapons Used-Shotguns and Pistols
- 99 Explosive Devices

Facility Improvements

- Add security features to facility
- Card key access/magnetic doors
- Consider Armed Security
- Panic Buttons
- Single entry point
- Concrete barriers or posts

Why Medical Facilities are at Risk

- Mental illness
- Drug seekers
- Female population
- Soft target / easy access
- Revenge
- Domestic situations

HAVE A PLAN

- Policy Keep it simple
- Educate staff & visitors
- Announcement of threat over intercom/warn staff and visitors
- Training-Training-Training--You will respond how you TRAIN!
- Table top exercises
- Encourage reporting

• Can anyone give the year of the last time a child died in a school fire?

• 1958

• Why?

Situational Awareness

- Be aware of your surroundings
- See something say something
- Stop walking around looking at your phone
- Look ahead
- Scan your surroundings
- Starts the minute you leave your house

STOP IT BEFORE IT HAPPENS

- What you should look for:
- Changes in BEHAVIOR (#1 INDICATOR)
- Clothing and hygiene change
- MENTAL ILLNESS
- Loss of friends
- Attitude
- Family life

Indicators Cont.

- Quick temper
- Sudden increase in substance abuse
- Depression
- Suicidal tendencies
- Constantly talking about shooting events in other places
- Loss of loved one/DIVORCE/child custody battle
- Termination

REPORTING

- Know where to report information
- Know how to report In person, anonymous, hotline
- Challenge persons who are out of place
- Phone Apps
- What is done with information once report is made

Patient Responsibility

- What do you do with patients?
 - Move them when possible
 - Stay with them
 - Run and save yourself
 - Moral question only you can answer

R-R-E-B-A

Recognize

Respond

Evacuate

Barricade

Attack

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In Closing

- BE AWARE
- Report everything
- Do something
- Don't be a victim without a FIGHT
- Always be thinking what IF