



THREAT SUPPRESSION, INCORPORATED

THREAT SUPPRESSION®

Corporate Headquarters: 525 North Tryon Street, Suite 1600 | Charlotte, NC 28202 | USA

Corporate Mailing Address: Post Office Box 57 | Fort Mill, SC 29715 | USA

Phone: 800.231.9106 **Web:** www.ThreatSuppression.com **E-Mail:** info@ThreatSuppression.com

Active Assailant Command and Control: Beyond the 60-Minutes™

THE OPERATIONAL PROBLEM

Active assailant incidents place law enforcement, fire, EMS, emergency management, dispatch, and organizational leadership in the same rapidly changing problem. A fast law-enforcement response matters, but it does not resolve the full event. Agencies must also manage casualties, communications, command and control, fire and EMS integration, rescue task force operations, secondary hazards, family and public information, and the consequences that continue after the threat is stopped. These events will continue for weeks, months, and years. This course helps to prepare jurisdictions for these events.

This course examines why agencies need an integrated response rather than isolated procedures. It uses lessons from active shooter and active assailant incidents to help participants identify gaps in planning, coordination, training, and sustainment.

COURSE OVERVIEW

Joint Public Safety Response to the Active Assailant is an eight-hour program for public safety and organizational leaders responsible for preventing, responding to, and recovering from hostile events. The course addresses firearm attacks as well as vehicle-as-a-weapon, fire-as-a-weapon, mass-stabbing, explosive, and other active assailant scenarios.

The presentation connects threat history and attacker behavior to the practical decisions that shape response outcomes. It addresses the 'stopwatch of death,' asymmetric tactics, the integration of fire and EMS personnel into the hostile environment, and the need for coordinated operations across agencies and disciplines.

Active assailant events continue to challenge public safety agencies. Since 2009, incidents in the United States have tripled with lethality increasing 600 percent. While critical first-hour response training focuses on threat neutralization and patient care, the aftermath demands equally rigorous command-and-control decisions that affect accountability, evidence preservation, victim support, public confidence, and operational continuity.

This course addresses the operational problems that emerge after threat neutralization: mass hysteria, victim support, notification and family reunification centers, mass communication, crime-scene considerations, memorial planning, and business continuity. It provides a practical framework for

maintaining command, organizing information, supporting victims, protecting investigations, and sustaining operations during the initial aftermath.

The course examines lessons from over 110 published after-action reports from major active assailant events in the last 20 years, showing that responders repeat the same mistakes during the transition from immediate tactical response to sustained incident management. It specifically reviews the Uvalde, Texas shooting and the systemic failures identified by the Texas House of Representatives investigation.

Key topics include incident command structure, door and area marking during law enforcement clears, witness interview procedures and documentation, legal considerations for witness detention, and best practices for notification and family reunification centers based on DOJ Crime Victim Services guidance.

Crime-scene considerations address cordoning requirements, secondary documentation of personal effects, and the complexity demonstrated in mall, airport, and hospital shootings. Mass communication is critical. Approximately 30 percent of 9-1-1 calls during active assailant events come from worried family members. Research shows eight people are intimately concerned for every directly affected person. Lack of communication with loved ones triggers panic and overwhelming numbers of family members at the scene or hospitals.

Post-event location considerations affect families of victims, survivors, and the broader community. Decisions about renovations or demolition involve conflicting requests and lasting community impact. Psychological damage extends years beyond the event. Responders were universally unprepared for immediate mental health counseling needs. Poor decisions by commanders and officials have compounded trauma. Some locations, like Virginia Tech, established permanent victim recovery offices.

Active assailant events spawn conspiracy theories and hoaxers who believe events were staged. This course teaches commanders and officials to counter these movements without inadvertently amplifying them, protecting victim families from harassment. Economic impacts are severe. Virginia Tech paid over \$40 million for security upgrades, lawsuits, renovations, and survivor care. Orlando paid \$25 million for the Pulse Nightclub investigation alone, with victim medical costs exceeding \$390 million. Route 91 Las Vegas shooting costs exceed \$4 billion.

Presentation Objectives:

1. At the conclusion of this program, attendees will be able to describe 13 common mistakes described in more than 70 active assailant after-action reports.
2. At the conclusion of this program, attendees will be able to describe a variety of command considerations for managing mass casualty hostile events.
3. At the conclusion of this program, attendees will be able to describe the differences between a Reception Center, Reunification Center, Incident Special Services Center, and an Incident Assistance Center.
4. At the conclusion of this program, attendees will be able to describe case law regarding detention of witnesses at crime scenes.
5. At the conclusion of this program, attendees will be able to describe considerations for decedent notification at active assailant events.
6. At the conclusion of this program, attendees will be able to describe difference religious and cultural considerations for decedents.
7. At the conclusion of this program, attendees will be able to describe considerations for ad hoc memorial management, funeral services, and permanent memorials.
8. At the conclusion of this program, attendees will be able to describe the different critical considerations for memorials inside schools.
9. At the conclusion of this program, attendees will be able to discuss creating and managing a witness interview and debrief location.
10. At the conclusion of this program, attendees will be able to discuss various considerations for interviewing witnesses, particularly children witnesses.
11. At the conclusion of this program, attendees will be able to discuss multiple crime scene considerations.
12. At the conclusion of this program, attendees will be able to describe mass fatality scene best practices.
13. At the conclusion of this program attendees will be able to describe truthers, hoaxers, and crisis attachers, and ways to help manage the problem.
14. At the conclusion of this program, attendees will be able to describe location usage considerations after an attack.
15. At the conclusion of this program, attendees will be able to discuss the cost considerations following a mass casualty hostile event, including long-term costs.
16. At the conclusion of this program, attendees will be able to discuss various psychological considerations for survivors, family members, responders, and the community.
17. At the conclusion of this program, attendees will learn about a successful recovery case study after a school mass shooting event.

Resources Needed:

Classroom, computer, projector, lavalier microphone and audio

Time Needed:

8-16 hours depending on the client's need.

Cost:

\$6,000 for a full eight-hour day, or \$10,000 for two days (plus travel and lodging expenses).

More Information

View the complete course description and objectives online: <https://www.threatsuppression.com/active-shooter-beyond-60-minutes>. For questions and course scheduling, email info@threatsuppression.com or call 1-800-231-9106.