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Joint Public Safety Response to the Active Assailant™

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.

The 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 also 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.

What the Course Covers

- The history of mass-casualty and school-shooting incidents and the ways attackers modify tactics based on research and prior events.
- Adolescent, adult, grievance-driven, revenge-oriented, workplace, and ideologically motivated assailants, including behavioral indicators and planning considerations.
- Law-enforcement priorities, tactical breaching, witness detention, hostages and doomed captives, force protection, and blue-on-blue or blue-on-green risks.

- Fire and EMS responsibilities, casualty collection points, medical care, potentially preventable causes of death, and Rescue Task Force integration.
- Incident command, communications, asymmetric perpetrator tactics, multiple operational scenes, marking the deceased, and coordination across disciplines.
- 9-1-1 communications challenges, including overwhelming call volume, call prioritization, protocol deconfliction, stale calls, PSAP-to-PSAP coordination, and radio-system failure.
- Organizational planning, legal and operational consequences, crime-scene considerations, and lessons learned from multiple active assailant events.

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of the program, participants should be able to:

- Describe the history of mass-casualty and school-shooting incidents in the United States.
- Describe the profile of adolescent, adult, and terrorism-motivated active assailants.
- Describe asymmetric active assailant attack tactics.
- Describe active assailant attacks, including vehicle-as-a-weapon, fire-as-a-weapon, mass stabbing, chemical, explosive, and other attacks.
- Describe law-enforcement tactics and procedures for responding to an active assailant.
- Describe the difference between hostages and doomed captives.
- Describe law-enforcement detention of a witness.
- Describe medical considerations and treatment best practices at an active assailant event.
- Describe data concerning potentially preventable causes of death at an active assailant event.
- Describe fire-service responsibilities at an active assailant event.
- Describe different types of integrated response at an active assailant event, including Rescue Task Force operations.
- Describe the difference between static and dynamic force protection and identify which approach is preferred in the circumstances discussed.
- Describe the ABCs of tactical breaching.
- Describe the risks of blue-on-blue and blue-on-green incidents at an active assailant event.

Audience

This course is restricted to active public safety and related decision-makers, including law enforcement, fire, EMS, emergency management, 9-1-1 communicators, military law enforcement, military commanders, intelligence analysts, government officials, school administrators, hospital administrators, and security directors responsible for recognized critical infrastructure. The course is designated Law Enforcement Sensitive / Unclassified in the source material.

Experience and Supporting Research

Threat Suppression personnel have taught integrated public-safety response to active assailant events since 2005. The source material states that personnel led the development and implementation of a large joint public-safety active shooter response program in Charlotte, North Carolina; created, managed, or

led 75 large-scale multi-agency exercises and 50 tabletop exercises; and served as incident commanders at several active shooter events.

The course cites more than 400 scholarly references and draws on data and lessons from numerous active assailant incidents. Threat Suppression personnel have also conducted walkthroughs and site visits at multiple major incident locations, using those observations to connect research and past-event lessons to operational planning.

Standards and Planning Relevance

The course is designed to support integrated planning and response practices addressed by NFPA 3000, the Standard for an Active Shooter/Hostile Event Response, and Department of the Air Force Instruction 32-2001. The course should not be represented as making an agency or installation “compliant” by itself. Buyers should evaluate their own plans, authorities, training, exercises, and sustainment requirements with qualified subject-matter and legal personnel.

Host Requirements

The host should provide an auditorium or suitable training space, computer, projector, and audio capability. The full-day format is intended to support participation by the disciplines responsible for joint response and related command decisions.

Course Details

Duration	Eight hours
Delivery	Instructor-led presentation
Audience	Active public safety, emergency management, communications, military, government, education, healthcare, and critical-infrastructure decision-makers
Classification	Law Enforcement Sensitive / Unclassified
Cost	\$6,000 for a full eight-hour day, excluding travel and lodging; government discounts may apply

Participant Feedback

“As the mother of one of the most notorious school shooters, I am incredibly grateful for the work that Threat Suppression has done to prevent and respond to these events.”

Sue Klebold

Mother of Dylan Klebold, one of two perpetrators at Columbine High School

“Threat Suppression personnel are the leading experts in active assailant prevention, response, and recovery. This course clearly demonstrates their incredible knowledge and expertise.”

Carly Posey

Mother of two children who survived the Sandy Hook shooting; Mission Director, The I Love U Guys Foundation

“Our personnel implemented the lessons learned from this course at our 2025 active shooter event. The responders said the event was just like you said. We absolutely saved lives and would not have done so if it wasn’t for this training.”

Gary Flores

Assistant Fire Chief, Fort Stewart / Hunter Army Airfield

“This course is monumental and groundbreaking. This is the most comprehensive course available on integrated active assailant response. I wholeheartedly recommend all agencies attend Threat Suppression’s training courses.”

Sid Heal

Commander, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department SWAT (ret.); President, California Association of Tactical Officers (ret.)

“The speakers are brilliant and impeccably eloquent. They put a complex problem into simple terms for everyone to understand. This course truly defines and describes active shooters.”

Joseph Erardi, PhD

Superintendent, Newtown Public Schools, 2013–2018

“This course is the intersection of academic excellence and operational expertise. This training is fundamentally critical for anyone responsible for active attack prevention, response, and recovery. Threat Suppression is a true national security asset.”

Matthiew Langlois, MD

Chief Tactical Physician, French National Police RAID Tactical Unit; initial SWAT responder to the 2015 Paris Bataclan terror attack