Citizen Response to an Active Killer

Information you should provide to law enforcement or dispatcher:
- Location of the victims and the active shooter/killer
- Number of actors, if more than one
- Physical description of actor(s)
- Number and type of weapons held by the actor(s)
- Number of potential victims at the location

How to Respond When an Active Killer is in Your Vicinity

- Evacuate if a safe route is available.
- If you cannot run, hide in an area out of view.
- Block entry, lock the door, stay behind solid objects.
- Turn off lights and computers; silence cell phones.
- As a last resort and only if your life is in danger, fight.

How to Respond When Law Enforcement Arrives on Scene

- Remain calm and follow officers’ instructions.
- Immediately raise hands and spread fingers.
- Keep hands visible at all times
- Avoid making quick movements toward officers such as attempting to hold on to them for safety.
- Avoid pointing, screaming, and/or yelling.

Call 412.624.2121 or 911 when safe to do so.

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