

Nassau County Police Department - Homeland Security Situational Awareness Training

The Nassau County Police Department Homeland Security has developed a customized Active Shooter Awareness program based off the FEMA IS-907 Active Shooter: What you can do. This course was created in response to repeated requests from the public to provide awareness level training on active shooter incidents. This situational awareness training has been provided to religious institutions, healthcare, public employees and many non-governmental organizations who request our assistance. In light of recent events, we have received multiple requests for this type of training from schools, libraries, government agencies and several private sector partners.

The training is designed to highlight the importance of preparedness. By providing an overview of response to every day emergencies such as fire/ medical / suspicious item calls we identify techniques which might serve as building blocks to prepare the individuals for response to a critical incident such as an active shooter. We discuss the importance of planning and organizing in advance as well as the need to have appropriate equipment available. By focusing on situational awareness we encourage participants to be vigilant for suspicious behavior which could be indicators of a future attack. The curriculum discusses pre-operational surveillance, acquisition of bomb making materials, the importance of reporting suspicious persons, packages and vehicles and other indicators of terrorism.

The instructor also presents information on the "see something say something" campaign which is promoted by the New York State DHSES. We stress the importance of Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) through contact with your local Law enforcement agency. To assist in gathering relevant information we provide worksheets for Suspicious Person and Suspicious Vehicle reporting. We also provide information on texting tips through participation in the New York State "see something send something program" in conjunction with the NYSIC.

Ultimately this course builds toward providing the participants with actions to take when confronted with an active shooter situation. We follow the DHS Run Hide Fight curriculum for surviving these critical incidents. During our training we provide a historical review of national active shooter incidents and identify best practices learned from the after action reports. This information is incorporated with anecdotal explanation of the topic using local incidents. This technique fosters stronger "buy-in" as the students relate to the local incidents described. Through the review of actual incidents in our jurisdiction we provide examples of scenarios which could occur in the requesting organizations venue. One example is the discussion of the Long Island Railroad shooting and how citizen action ended this violence. A recent District Attorneys lecture incorporated information from a NYS Courthouse shooting including details directly obtained from the Court Officer involved. Our retail lectures discuss shooting incidents in a large Nassau County Mall and the challenges involved in this incident.

Typically the presentation is tailored to the specific genre and when possible to the actual premise location. In order to provide the best training we often meet with representatives from the organization in advance and go over their existing security plans and may discuss key points for enhancement. To better prepare the participants for local law enforcement response our program incorporates actual video examples of what the law-enforcement response from NCPD will look like in the event of an active shooter.

It is our belief that our direct delivery of information by an experienced law enforcement officer provides participants with an enhanced training experience. Students have the unique opportunity to pose questions regarding local law enforcement response and learn best practices for surviving these critical incidents.



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