• Person or persons who kill or attempt to kill multiple innocent people in a location generally thought to be safe for them to do so

• Active shooter vs Active Killer: Most of us are active shooters, but we are not killers. Words matter.

• We will not focus on why, but on how and what occurs

When was the first school active killer?

July 26 1764
LeNape Indians killed school master Enoch Brown and 9 children in a school near present day Greencastle Pennsylvania

This is the one most know about

May 18 1927 – 45 dead / 58 injured
• Still the record for a school.
• Killer was the school board treasurer.
• Had spent months hiding dynamite in the school basement.
• Once first explosion brought rescuers to the scene, he drove up with truck filled with more dynamite and shrapnel and detonated
8 dead / 31 injured

- LEO only armed with sidearms.
- Citizens with rifles made the difference. Killer initially walked the observation deck shooting people at will. Once Texans started shooting back he was forced to stay down behind wall and could only shoot out of holes designed to drain water from deck.
- Police even tried to shoot killer from an airplane circling the tower, but plane was driven away by returned fire.

• Officers "Ray" Martinez and Jerry Day along with university bookstore clerk teamed up to stop the killer.
• Police were driving students home to get rifles.
• Lead to formation of SWAT teams in coming decade.

Now we have SWAT teams
• Treated like a hostage/barricade problem and it was not. They setup perimeter to keep anyone from escaping and looked to negotiate
• This was a total failure because waiting simply costs more lives.
• Next plan was ‘small teams’ Diamond formation, QUAD etc.

30+2 dead / 24 wounded

• 2 separate events
• Killing at dorm and then later at Norris Hall
• Both Blacksburg and VT SWAT teams were on campus when second killing started.
• Does not take much planning to drive your truck through front of restaurant, get out and start shooting.
• Victims first thought it was traffic accident and went to help
• Suzanna Gratia Hupp, who was present at the massacre where both of her parents were killed. She later testified that she would have liked to have had her gun during it, but said, “It was a hundred feet away in my car” (she had feared that if she was caught carrying it she might lose her chiropractor's license)

• Dispatcher initially sent police to wrong McDonalds 2 miles away.
• First police arrived in 10 minutes and were told by SWAT commander to wait outside while SWAT setup a perimeter, a command center 2 blocks away and deployed 175 officers around the area.
• ALL WHILE PEOPLE WERE BEING KILLED.

• Coward went to the nursing home to kill his wife, but found she had been transferred to the dementia center which was a secure area he could not access so he started shooting people in wheelchairs and hospital beds
• Justin arrived and said he knew he was the only officer within 20 minutes of the center so he went in alone
• Justin was one of the 3 wounded because he announced himself to the killer. The killer raised his shotgun and shot Justin, but hit him in the legs. Justin returned fire incapacitating the killer. Shot was from almost 140 feet away.

• Who is important in this picture. SHES killer studied and idolized these killers
• Was supposed to be a bombing, not a shooting. They built over 90 explosive devices some as big as 20# propane tanks. Timed initial explosion to happen at peak of lunch crowd and were going to shoot students as the came out of building.
• Had bombs exploded as planned casualties would have been nearly 500
• Set a fire as a diversion away from the school prior to going to school
• Had bombs in their cars set to detonate after rescuers arrived.
• Bombs did not exploded even though test bombs had. Clocks had changed.

• Brought chains and locks.
• Choose building with small windows and crash bars on doors.
• Hung signs warning explosives to further slow response
• Was reported to have been seen at gun range placing targets on the ground and practicing walking down aisle and shooting them.
• Only 1 person fought back. Matt LaPorte US Air Force cadet. Was shot 7 time, he died tackling the killer as last shots were to top of head and shoulders. WHAT IF JUST ONE MORE IN THAT ROOM HAD JOINED HIM?
These are becoming more and more frequent around the world
Not only firearms, but knives, explosives, vehicles are being used.

Level 3A is a ‘personal jihad’ committed by one person. Often a ‘lone-wolf’
Officer was with pregnant wife for valentine’s day dinner. Mall was ‘gun-free zone’, but he carried a downloaded 1911 pistol with no extra magazines. Killer had both shotgun and pistol
Outside LEO joined Hammond keeping killer from moving freely around mall saving lives.
Salt Lake City LEO happened to enter through door right behind the killer and ended the fight.
Main difference with Level 3 events is that you will have to kill them, they won’t give up or commit suicide

Terror attack or ‘work place violence’? Killer was wearing traditional dress and yelling allahu akbar . . . You decide.
Service men and women are disarmed.
1st 2 soldiers died attacking the killer with chair and table.
Kim Munley civilian base police exchanged fire with killer and was shot 3 times before 2nd civilian officer shot the killer

Well planned and ran remotely from outside the area.
Separate groups attacked multiple targets
Some of the groups were mobile, they would hit, run and then return to kill rescuers
Entire event lasted 3 days

Zero tolerance hurts us in these events. We have conditioned kids that violence has no place in society.
In fight, both are kicked out of school.
VT did what we have trained them to do, they sat and waited to be killed, except for Matt Laporte air force cadet along with a holocaust survivor
No active killers in inner city school. They would be beat down before they could get started. The other students are fighters . . . and may be armed!
Traditional Active Killer Statistics and Facts

These change after every event so these statistics are just close estimates.

- 96% of Active Killers act alone.
- 80% will have a long-gun rifle or shotgun.
- 75% will have multiple firearms.
- Most will shoot until someone stops or confronts them.
- They will have control of life and death over whom they choose.
- 10% will commit suicide on site.

- Less than 2% chance of 2nd person.
  - So far most of these have been children, Columbine and Jonesboro Arkansas and they have stayed together.
  - High chance of multiple weapons
  - Terrorists will not stop when confronted and they will not commit suicide, they will have to be killed.

- It is very rare that they take hostages.
  - They do not negotiate.
  - They try to avoid contact with police.
  - Surrender or escape is unlikely.
  - Hit ratio is 50% or less.

- If they try to negotiate, they are buying time to kill more or to fortify position.

- They are not looking for a fight, they are looking for a body count.

- They are very task focused, not worried about resistance since they chose the time and place they think they are safe.

- Look at how nonchalant they are. Drinking coffee, wandering around.
- Are they moving ‘tactically’ or expecting anyone to try to stop them?
- How easy would it be to stop them by surprise from a place of cover?
- Look at how big the school is. How long would police have to look once they got to the front door.
Mental Preparation

- Stop Situation - No bluff measures
- Others are depending on you
- Prepare to encounter victims who may be wounded or dead
- Resistbling on victims
- Encounter or engage very young persons
- You may receive incoming fire

• If they are actively killing people you DO NOT want to give them a verbal warning if you can safely take them out without them knowing you are there.
• To the people under the gun, you are the most important person in the world. You are their only hope of living to hug their mothers/fathers/children in the future
• Your primary job is to STOP THE KILLING. Walk over wounded, push away clinging survivors.
• Keep fighting even if injured, there is no other choice

TIME IS THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR

- Time to 911 call is unknown.
- There is guaranteed to be a period of time where you are totally on your own.

If a school's only plan is to ‘wait on outside help’, they will never get a better result.

No police department providing honest information can guarantee to have 3 officers on scene at the school 3 minutes and 7 seconds after being dispatched.

We still lost 20 babies that day.

DISPELLING FEARS YOU MAY HAVE

- How many are there?
- Am I going to be ambushed?
- Am I outgunned?

• These are all common fears and concerns. You are no different than anyone else.
• We already know that in 98% of the events there will only be one killer.
• So far to date they have not waited in ambush. They are focused on getting as many kills as possible.
• With the good use of tactics and a good understanding of your ability, unless you meet this guy, you will be able to WIN

Be prepared for the most horrific scenes and stay focused on your primary job of stopping the killing

• Once the killing starts, this is all that matters.
• This is why a FASTER response is a better response

Sandy Hook Elementary School
December 14, 2012

- 9:30:00am - School doors lock
- 9:37:03am - Killer enters building
- 9:35:39am - First 911 Call

09:36:06 (0.27) Law enforcement dispatched
09:39:00 (2:54) First officer arrives at SHES
09:39:13 (0.13) 2 more officers arrive (3:07)
09:40:03 (0.50) Last shot heard inside SHES
09:44:47 (5:34) Officers enter SHES
• Undercover officer arrives at scene, shoots suspect and then look at how quickly he gets the gun out of his hand.
• Return the firearm to your holster is best if it is safe to do so.
• Try not to present the classic ‘shooter’ stance to arriving LEO
• Setup a ‘Welcoming Party’ – other people who can meet LEO with hands up before they see you to inform them of your presence and firearm.

• They have control. They didn’t start killing randomly, they only shot who needed to be shot to get control.
• They only shot persons in charge first otherwise hostages would have panicked and they would have lost control if they had started shooting randomly
• Next they shot anyone who was a leader or was perceived to try to be a spokesman for the hostages.
• Next they took all adult males and large boys on ‘work detail’, executed them and dumped bodies

• Police there were severely unequipped and untrained at least that would be different here. But how quickly would even American resources be overwhelmed?
• Aurora CO movie, they were prepared with medical supplies in about 8 cruisers and they had over 70 injured. They quickly ran out.
• Couldn’t get enough ambulances to scene, LEO were putting wounded in cruisers and transporting
• We ‘sanitize’ these killings.
• Media reported that the leaders of the Jewish center in Mumbai ‘were killed’ in the attack.

• They were not simply killed, there were tortured, brutalized and murdered.
• Understand who/what you are up against if you face one of these events.

• Very common for terrorist (Level 3a or 3b) to yell this expression before and during attack.
• Lets end on a happy note.