# HOW TO RESPOND

WHEN AN ACTIVE SHOOTER IS IN YOUR VICINITY

#### 1. Evacuate

- · Have an escape route and plan in mind
- · Leave your belongings behind

· Keep your hands visible

## 2. Hide Out

- Hide in an area out of the shooter's view
- Block entry to your hiding place and lock the doors
- Silence your cell phone and/or pager

#### 3. TAKE ACTION

- As a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger
- · Attempt to incapacitate the shooter
- Act with physical aggression and throw items at the active shooter

### CALL 911 WHEN IT IS SAFE TO DO SO

## **HOW TO RESPOND**

WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES

- Remain calm and follow instructions
- Put down any items in your hands (i.e., bags, jackets)
- Raise hands and spread fingers
  Keep hands visible at all times
- Avoid quick movements toward officers
- such as holding on to them for safety
  Avoid pointing, screaming or yelling
- Do not stop to ask officers for help or direction when evacuating

#### **INFORMATION**

YOU SHOULD PROVIDE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OR 911 OPERATOR

- Location of the active shooter
- Number of shootersPhysical description of shooters
- Number and type of weapons held by
- shootersNumber of potential victims at the location

#### **COPING**

#### WITH AN ACTIVE SHOOTER SITUATION

- Be aware of your environment and any possible dangers
- Take note of the two nearest exits in any facility you visit
- If you are in an office, stay there and secure the door
- Attempt to take the active shooter down as a last resort

#### **PROFILE**

#### OF AN ACTIVE SHOOTER

An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area, typically through the use of firearms.

#### **CHARACTERISTICS**

OF AN ACTIVE SHOOTER SITUATION

- Victims are selected at random
- The event is unpredictable and evolves quickly
- Law enforcement is usually required to end an active shooter situation



# CALL 911 WHEN IT