

Integrated Response to Mass Shootings

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ACTIVE SHOOTER INCIDENTS

- **Managing Change**

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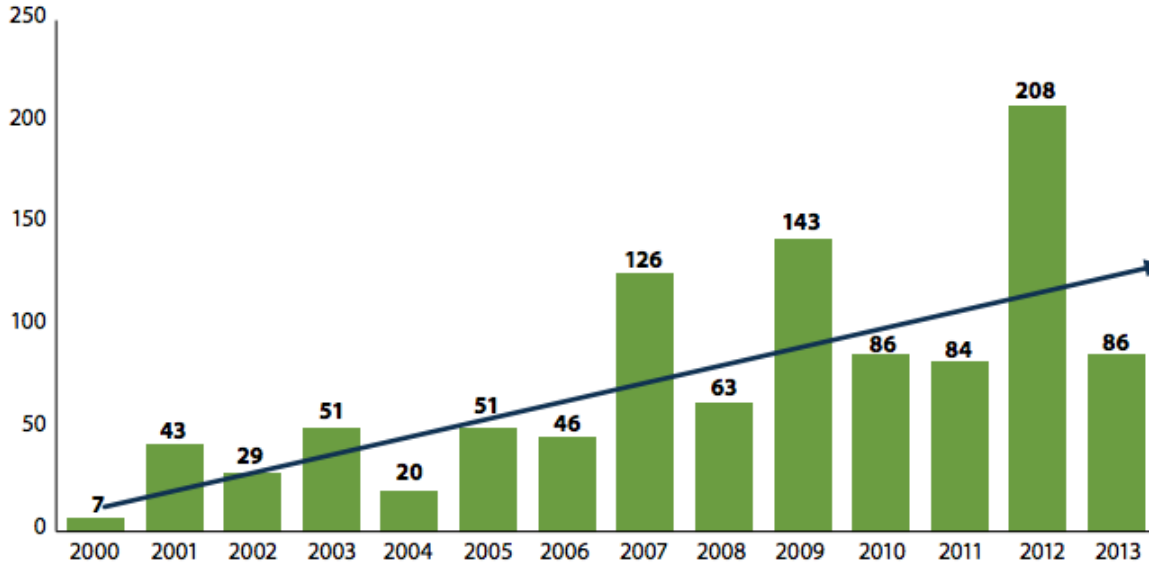
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WHY THE CHANGE?

Active shooter incidents are on the rise nationally

A Study of 160 Active Shooter Incidents in the United States Between 2000 - 2013:
Annual Totals of 1,043 Casualties

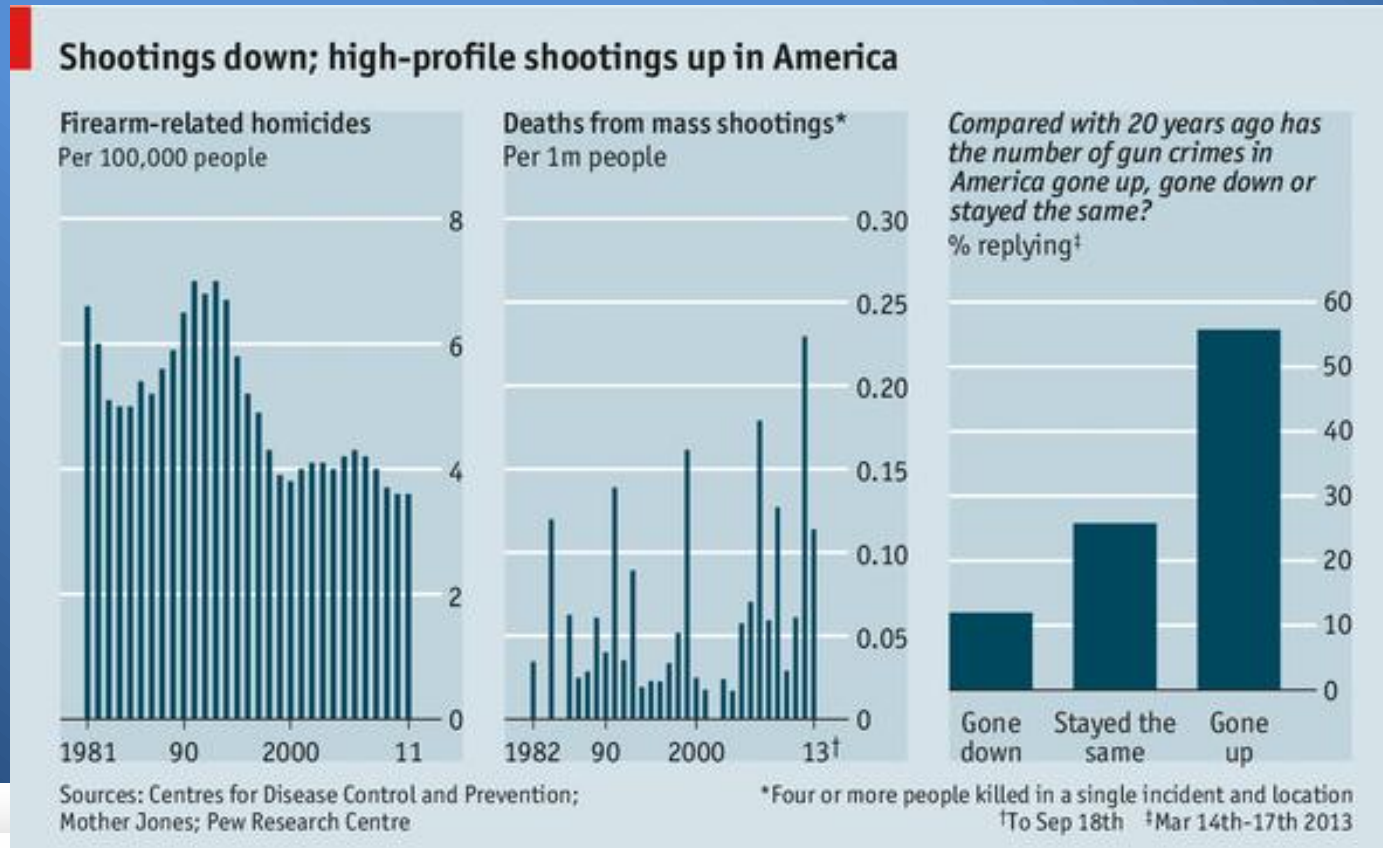


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OPERATIONS EFFICIENCY

- Nationally and as an agency, we have not operated as efficiently as we would have liked on these incidents



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COLUMBINE SHOOTING

April 20, 1999

- 13 people were killed;
- 24 were transported to local hospitals and trauma centers;
- 170 patients were triaged through four casualty collection points (CCPs) established near the school;
- 10 critically injured students were transported in the "golden hour" with significant gunshot wounds and penetrating trauma injuries;
- 14 others were transported with explosive shrapnel wounds.



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Staging Time at Columbine

- It took over three hours to clear all buildings.
- Fire traditionally waits for areas of violence to be secured by PD before entry.
- Some perished due to extended wait times for treatment.



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Fort Hood, Texas November 5, 2009

- 13 Killed
- 32 Injured



13 killed, 32 injured: Ft. Hood, Texas



Sgt. First Class Noe Figueroa waits to get back on base outside Fort Hood's Clear Creek gate in Killeen, Texas on Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009, after a mass shooting on the base. (Jay Janner / AP)



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AURORA, COLORADO

Movie Theater Shooting

- July 20, 2012

- 12 Killed

- 58 Injured



- Multiple people transported by PD



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Orlando, Florida Night Club Shooting

- July 20, 2012
- Deadliest shooting in U.S.
- 50 Killed
- 53 injured
- 2 hours before tactical units arrived



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THE CLUBHOUSE SHOOTING

March 12, 2012

- 14 people shot
- 2 with serious injuries
- 12 minor injuries
- Tempe Fire Medical Rescue Department failed to use the Command System correctly.
- A centralized Incident Command system should be immediately assembled between Fire, PD, ambulance service, hospitals, news media.



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Why Did We Fail?

- Lack of early communication between **police** and **fire**
- Lack of strong and disciplined **Command Structure**
- Operating off of a **“STAGE”** mentality



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Managing Change

CONCLUSION:

We **MUST** HAVE a completely Integrated approach to how these types of scenes are managed

- How we **communicate**
 - UNIFIED COMMAND
- How we **operate**
 - FD in the “Warm Zone”

https://www.usfa.fema.gov/data/library/research/topics/top_activeshooter.html



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CAPTAIN KYLE BRAYER, EMS CAPTAIN

Tempe Fire Medical Rescue Department



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Difficulties from the TFMRD standpoint:

- **Logistics** – TFMRD 156 members, TPD 400 members, Ambulance Company
- **Terminology** – PD uses different language
 - Casualty Collection vs Treatment Area
 - Code 4? What exactly does this mean?
 - No standard Active Shooter terminology.



Difficulties from the TFMRD standpoint:

- Fire has an established Command System, PD does not.
- Fire cannot make accurate decisions regarding Active Shooter events without a PD liaison.
 - Treatment?
 - Extrication/Extraction Rescue Teams?
 - Staging?



Difficulties from the TFMRD standpoint:

Culture

- Staging vs engaging
- Ballistics on a fire apparatus
- New addition of sectors
 - Extrication Sector, Extrication Teams (ERT)
- Frequent training



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Our Risk Management Profile

Extensive data now exists to answer, “Where does this fit in our Risk/Management profile?” As an agency, we historically “staged” on violent Incidents.

- We will risk our lives a lot, in a highly calculated and controlled manner, to protect a savable human life.

We will risk our lives a little, in a highly calculated and controlled manner, to protect savable property.

We will not risk our lives at all to protect lives or property that is already lost.



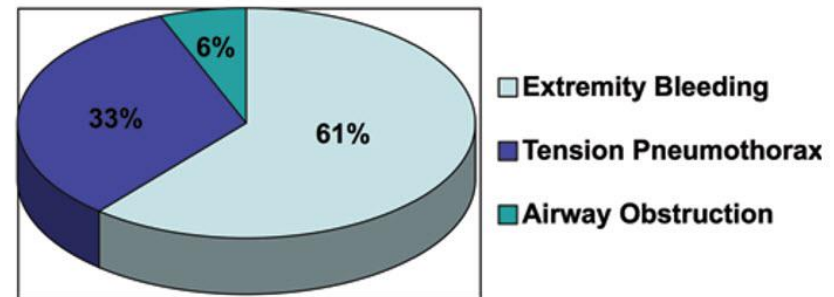
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National Active Shooter Statistics

- There is a **90%** chance of **1 shooter**.
- There is a **60%** chance the **event will be over** before PD or FD arrives.
- **Hemorrhage control** was found to be the life saving treatment that would save the most victims.
- Many injured expired before help could arrive.

Figure 3: Causes of preventable death in combat
(Adapted from Reference 9)



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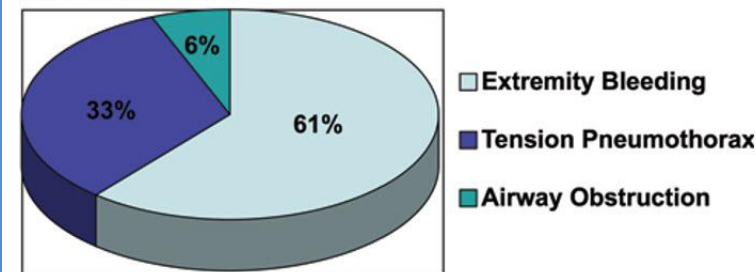
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Our Program Today

Perfect World

- First FD unit arrives and assumes fire command
- Identifies casualty collection point/treatment and notify alarm room for system wide notification to PD and responding fire units
- Command officer & TPD liaison establish unified command
- Establishment of priority sectors
 - Treatment, Extrication, Transportation, etc.
- Extrication sector with multiple “Extraction Rescue Teams”
 - 2 FD personnel with 2 officers make up an ERT
- ERT enters warm-zone for triage and extraction to casualty collection point (PD lead)

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Integration



- **Fire/PD are integral in the success of these violent events**
 - Hospitals are equipped and can handle mass casualties, but...
 - For hospitals to be successful with these events, they require our organized efforts for success.
 - Ambulances will go where ordered...



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- **How our current system came together**
 - SWAT Medic program
 - Fire and PD TLOs
 - National recommendation on response released
 - Updated fire policy established
 - Initial training with TPD SWAT members and all TFMR members
 - Acquisition of ballistic helmets and vests for all TFMR units
 - ERT deployment training with all TPD & ASU officers (full day for TPD personnel)
 - Inclusion of ambulance personnel (PMT/AMR in Tempe)
 - Hospital coordination
 - Reevaluation and continued training phase



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Integration



- **Keys to success looking back...**
 - Build a strong relationship between PD/Fire at all levels
 - Not just command officers – TLO, Captains, Sergeants, etc.
 - Top down support – Fire and Police Chiefs
 - **Key to the entire operation is early Fire/PD communication on scene**
 - Budget for training early and then schedule recurring interdepartmental drills
 - Continue to prioritize training
 - Quarterly training paramedic CE, online courses, etc.



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Detective Tyler Watson

Sergeant Andrew McCormick

Sergeant Mike Pierce



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2016 Joint Training

- Active shooter protocol
- Carrying techniques
- Transport to CCP
- CCR class
- Bleeding control
 - Tourniquets
- Active shooter scenarios
 - ERT teams



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Family Reunification



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