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Single Officer Assault Response

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Pre-Columbine/Post-Columbine
Active Shooter Training

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Pre-Columbine Protocols

- Response by Patrol Officers
- Contain Situation
- Set up Inner Perimeter
- Call for SWAT
- Release Inner Perimeter to SWAT
- Negotiate
- EXECUTE

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Post Columbine Protocols

- Re-Think Protocols
- Assemble Small Team (3 – 5 Man Teams)
  - Agency Specific
- Train Patrol Officers
- Seek out and Engage Shooter(s)

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Active Shooter Training
1999- Present

- Re-Tool Tactical Training to include Patrol Officers
- Determine Departmental Requirements
- **Reality Based Training (Alarms/Comms)**
- Full Scale Scenario Training

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

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Square Peg Round Hole Training

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Single Officer Assault Response

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Lessons Learned

- Average Incident lasts **3-7** Minutes
- Single Shooter
- Ended on Shooters Initiative
- Larger Number of Deaths in Less Time
- Delay in Response Based upon Departmental Requirements
- Many Incidents stopped by Lone Officer/Civilian

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Training Pendulum

- Weaver – Modified Weaver – Isosceles – Bladed – Weaver
- EVOC – 3 and 9, shuffle steering
- Hug the Wall – Down the Center
- Respond – Contain – Negotiate - Execute

Active Shooter Formations

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Incident Reviews

- 1989 Stockton, CA
  - Duration 3 Minutes
  - Killed 5
  - Injured 29
  - Outcome Suicide

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Incident Reviews

- 1991 University of Iowa
  - Duration 12 Minutes, 2 buildings
  - Killed 4
  - Injured 2
  - Outcome Suicide

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Incident Reviews

- 1992 Lindhurst High School, CA
  - Duration 5-7 Minutes Shooting
  - Killed 4
  - Injured 10
  - Outcome Surrendered after an 8 hour hostage situation

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Incident Reviews

- 1998 Jonesboro, AR
  - Duration 3-5 Minutes
  - Killed 5
  - Injured 10
  - Outcome Captured as they were fleeing

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Incident Reviews

- 1999 Columbine, CO
  - Duration 49 Minutes
  - Killed 15
  - Injured 24
  - Outcome Suicide

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Incident Reviews

- 2001 Santee, CA
  - Duration 6 Minutes
  - Killed 2
  - Injured 13
  - Outcome Arrested, 2 off duty officers at the school responded immediately. Suspect found in bathroom trying to commit suicide.

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Incident Reviews

- 2002, University of Arizona
  - Duration 9 Minutes
  - Killed 3
  - Injured 0
  - Outcome Suicide, 33 officers on the scene in 9 minutes.

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Incident Reviews

- 2005 Red Lake, MN
  - Duration 7 Minutes
  - Killed 10
  - Injured 7
  - Outcome Suicide, single officer arrived as suspect approached the main entrance. Engaged in a 4 minute gun battle wounding the suspect.

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Incident Reviews

- 2006 Nickel Mine, PA
  - Duration 42 Minutes
  - Killed 6
  - Injured 5
  - Outcome Suicide, Officers arrived 17 minutes after suspect entered school. Entry team asked for permission to approach and were denied. Shooting started and ended prior to team reaching the school

BEGAN AS A HOSTAGE SITUATION

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Incident Reviews

- 2007, Virginia Tech
  - Duration 10-12 Minutes
  - Killed 33
  - Injured 23
  - Outcome Suicide, Officers on scene in 3 minutes, entered 2 minutes later. Took time to "assemble proper team"

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Incident Reviews

- 2008, Northern Illinois University
  - Duration >6 Minutes
  - Killed 6
  - Injured 21
  - Outcome Suicide, Officers on scene in 5 minutes

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Incident Reviews

- 2012, Oikos University
  - Duration 3 Minutes
  - Killed 7
  - Injured 3
  - Outcome Surrendered 5 miles away

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Incident Reviews

- 2012, Sandy Hook, CT
  - Duration 5 Minutes
  - Killed 27 +1 including Mother
  - Injured 2
  - Outcome Suicide, 9 minutes for 3 officers to enter building

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Conclusion

- Suspect Initiated Suicide 6
- Surrendered 2
- Captured/Arrested 2
- Questionable Suicide Initiated **3**
  - **Red Lake, MN**
  - **Virginia Tech**
  - **Sandy Hook**

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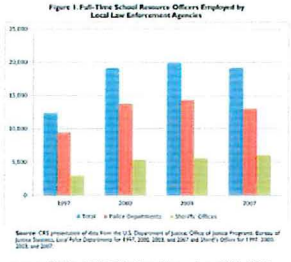

Increased 1997 – 2003, 800 officer decrease from 2003 - 2007

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WE CONTINUE TO TRAIN

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NEW THINKING

- RON BORSCH, Trainer Bedford, OH
- RAIDER Training, ALICE Training Institute
- SRO Training, North Carolina Training Academy