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S.O.A.R
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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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

- 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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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
