



2023

Unarmed Response to an Active Shooter  
Event – Businesses / Place of Worship

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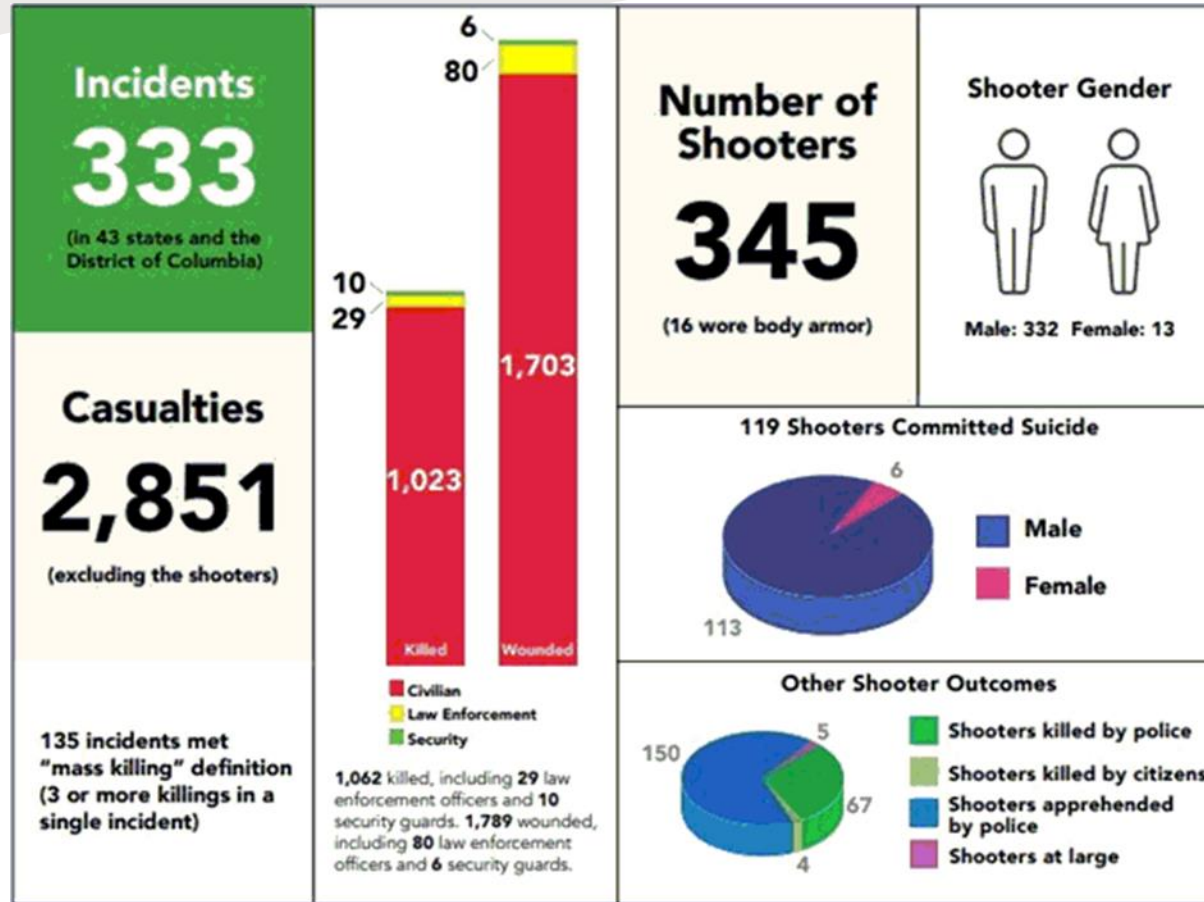
# What is an Active Shooter?



One or more subjects who participate in a random or systematic act(s) of violence demonstrating the intent to continuously inflict death or serious bodily injury on another person(s) and does so while having access to additional potential victims.

# Active Shooter Incidents

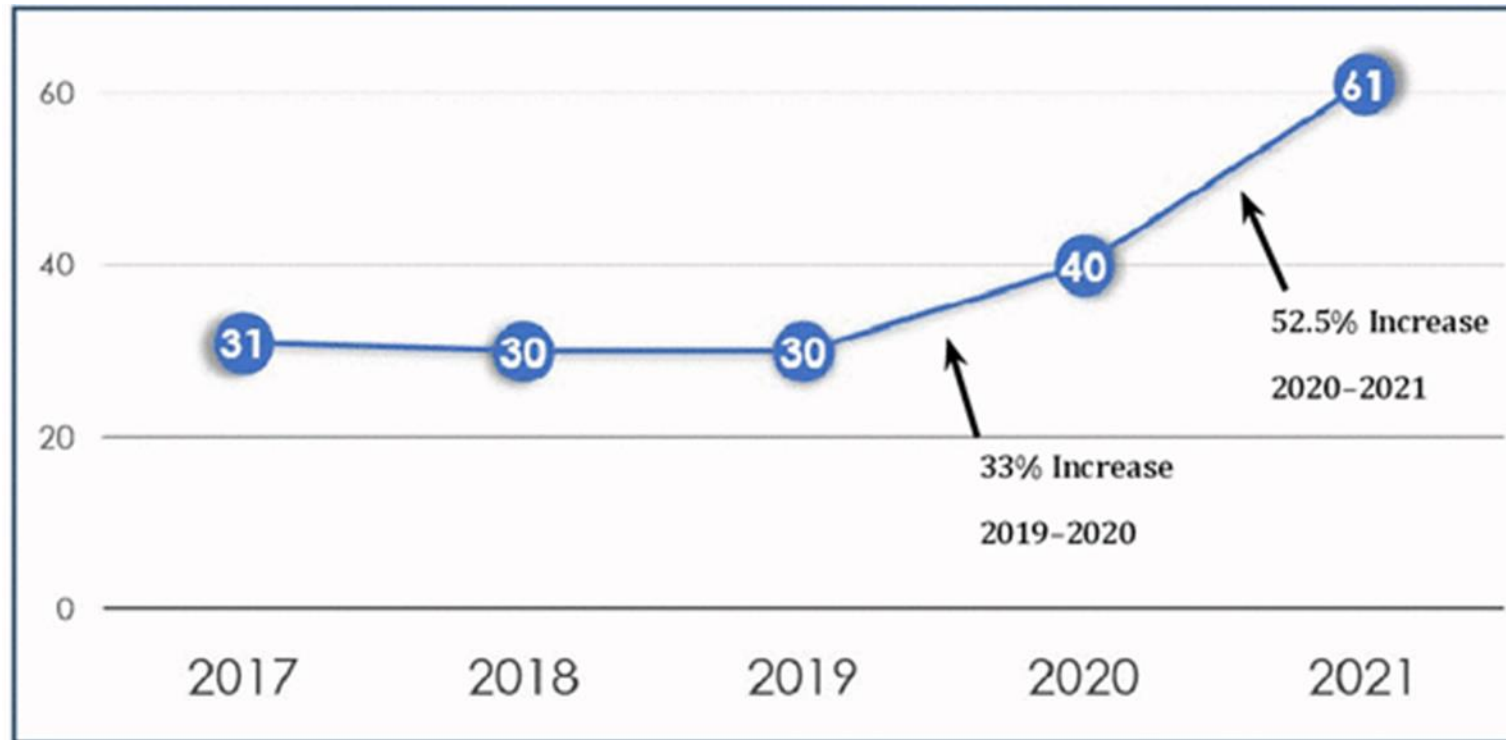
20 Year History



Prevention - Escape - Lockdown - Fight

# Active Shooter Incidents

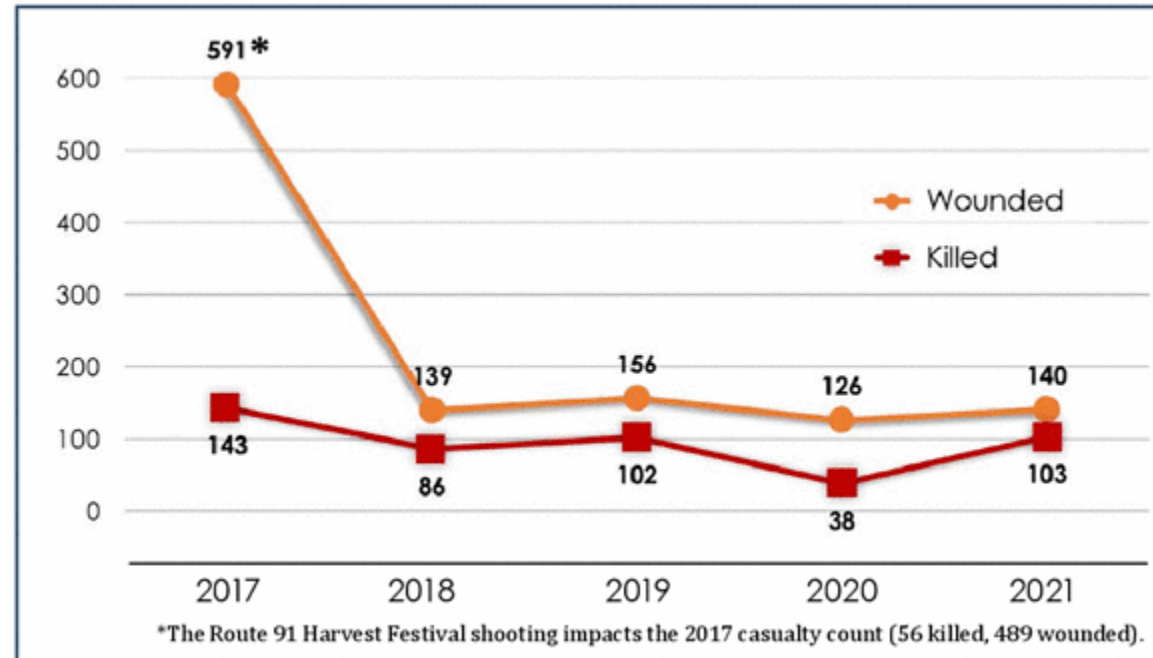
5 Year History



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# 2017 – 2021 Total Casualties

Causality = Wounded + Killed



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# 2021 Active Shooter Locations



# How Do We Prepare?



## The Indiana State Police Model

***Prevention***

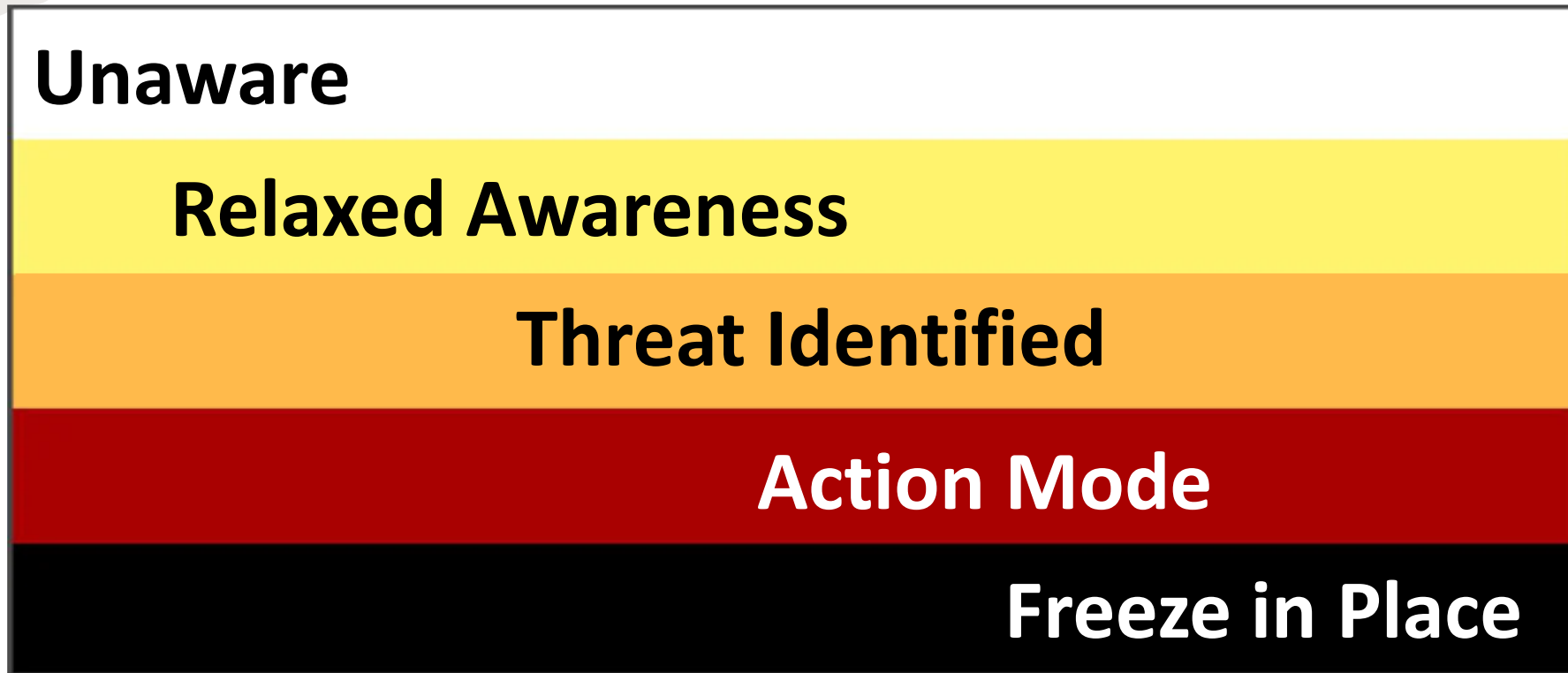
***Escape***

***Lockdown***

***Fight***



# Preparation / Awareness: Cooper's Color Code



# Prevention

Our **level of awareness** can assist in recognizing a potential problem, conflict, or active shooter.



Cooper's Color Code Yellow

## IMPORTANT

We must recognize that not all individuals that present our “Pre-Event Behavior Clues / Potential Stressors or Triggers” will become active shooters. These are simply some indicators that have been developed through research of active shooter events.



# Pre-Event Behavioral Clues

- ✓ Share their intent with others.
- ✓ Threats develop over time.
- ✓ Develop in plain sight.
- ✓ Failure to fit in (become isolated).
- ✓ Mood Swings – Aggressive and Hostile Behavior
- ✓ Extreme fascination with previous active shooter events.
- ✓ Extreme fascination with weapons.

**Parade Suspect Told Family**  
**Massacre**  
**were radicalized 'for**

**'Slow and methodical':**  
**deadly La. theater**  
"Looking back now... should have..."  
Update at 7:35 a.m. ET. Suspected Hinted That He'd Left Bombs Elsewhere:  
"suicidal murder" and believed he... a final desire to experience... news conference.

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**quite**

Ben Markus of Colorado Public Radio tells our Newscast Desk that it's being reported that the suspect "hinted to officers that there may be an explosive device in his apartment or the parking lot of the mall."

Brandon Scott... would "demonstrate... killing people, Indianapolis r

... told VICE News. "I



# Potential Stressors or Triggers

**Racist Beliefs**

*Terroristic Motivation*

Rejection Resulting in Isolation

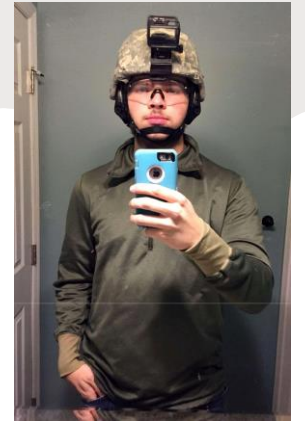
***Emotion and Mental Health Issues***

Loss of Social Support System(s)

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San Bernardino



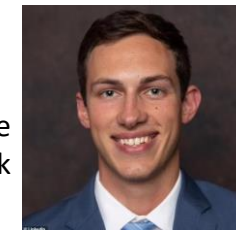
Buffalo Tops Grocery Store



Virginia Tech



Indianapolis FedEx



Louisville  
Old National Bank



**Loss of Value**

Poor Evaluation / Loss of Coveted Position /  
Loss of Job / Loss of Relationship

# Potential Emotional / Mental Health Observations

## Depression

Anger,  
Irritability,  
Suicidal  
Thoughts,  
Helplessness  
and  
Hopelessness

## Psychopathic Behavior

Superficial Charm,  
Cunning &  
Manipulative, Loss of  
Remorse, Exaggerated  
Self Estimation, Loss of  
Empathy, Failure to  
Accept Responsibility

## Schizophrenia

delusions,  
hallucinations or  
disorganized speech,  
and reflect an  
impaired ability to  
function.



# Understanding Active Shooter Events

## The Attacker:

## The Attack:



- Opportunistic
- Looks for Easy Targets
- Attacks Victims as they are Encountered
- Attacks Randomly / Or May Have Specific Target
- Takes Path of Least Resistance

- 44% last less than 1 minute
- 35% last less than 2 minutes

\*FBI – Run, Hide, Fight



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# How Should Society Respond?

**AVOID**

**DENY**

**DEFEND**

**ALERRT**  
TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY



**Prevention**

**Escape**

**Lockdown**

**Fight**



- A - Alert**
- L - Lockdown**
- I - Inform**
- C - Counter**
- E - Evacuate**

*Run*

*Hide*

*Fight*



**Prevention** - Escape - Lockdown - Fight

# How Should You Respond?

## Be Aware of your Environment

Observe people around you

Locate entryways and exits

Position yourself to observe the area

Plan your response options based on the area

## Be Mentally Prepared

Cooper's Color Code – **Relaxed Awareness**

Be alert, not paranoid

Plan your response based on your observations

HAVE A PLAN.....Not **IF** it happens, but **WHEN** it happens





Environment + Mental Preparation = Options

Escape – Lockdown - Fight

“In the moment of decision, the **BEST** thing you can do is the right thing, the **NEXT BEST** thing is the wrong thing, and the **WORST** thing you can do is nothing.”

- Theodore Roosevelt



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# Escape



Make sure Shooter isn't close

Peek around corners



Exit the building



# Lockdown



Barricade

Cover / Concealment



Dark



First Aid



Silence



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# Fight



**Elisjsa Dicken**

**Police: Armed bystander shot and killed Greenwood Park Mall shooter in just 15 seconds**



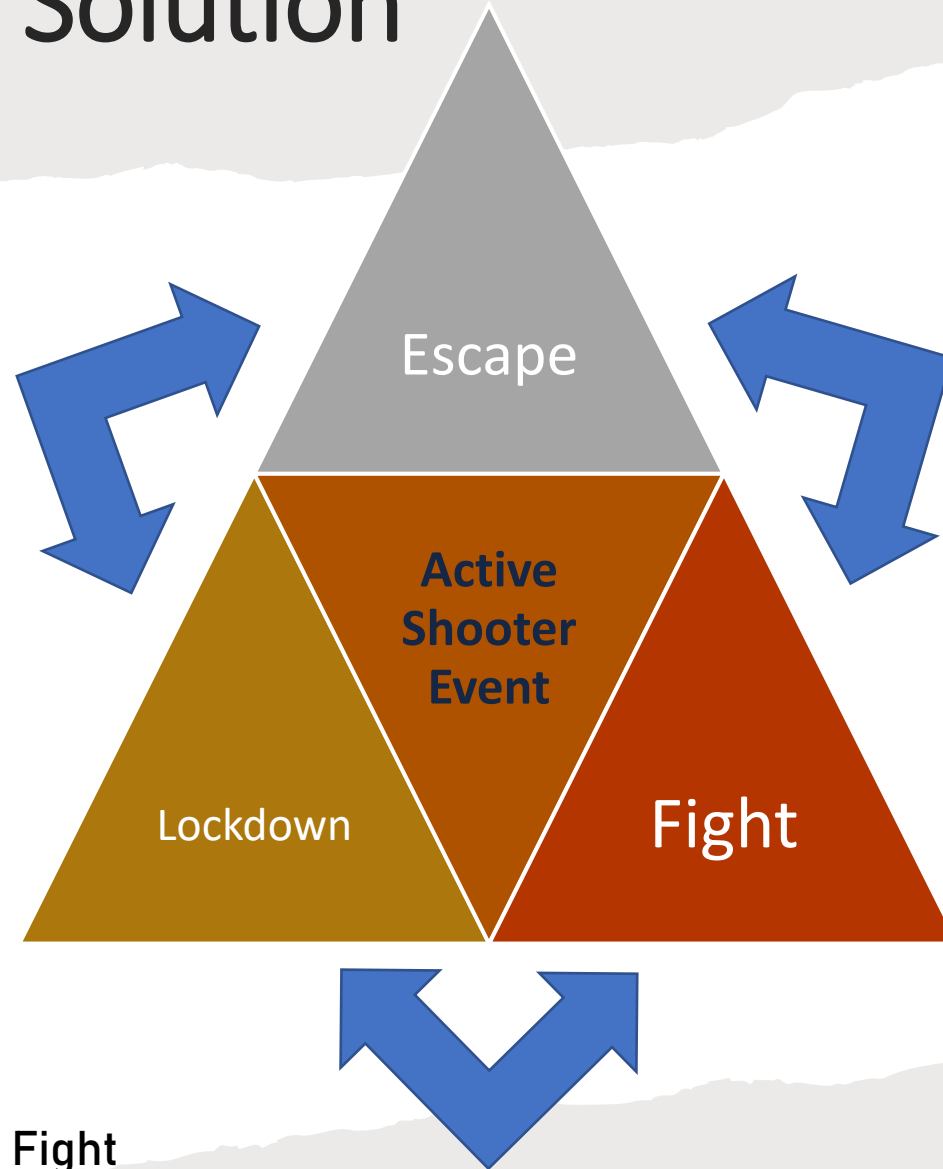
**Jack Wilson**

**Firearms instructor took out gunman at Texas church service**

California churchgoers hog-tied gunman in deadly attack



# A Non-Linear Solution



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# Law Enforcement Arrival



Plain Clothes



Standard Uniform



Tactical Gear



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# Law Enforcement Responsibility

**Flood**

**Find**

**Stop**

1. Killing
2. Dying

**Save**

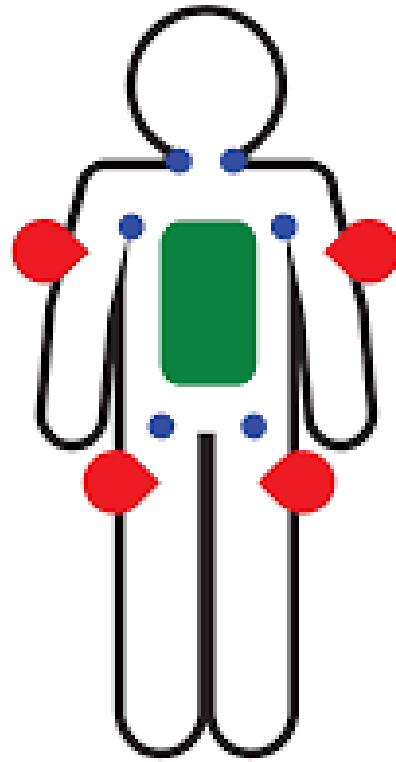


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# Victim / Innocent Response



Police - Bypass Wounded



**TOURNIQUET  
THE LIMBS**

**PACK THE  
JUNCTIONS**

**SEAL THE  
BOX**



DARK ANGEL MEDICAL



Victim's Hands Up – Help Identify Shooter





If you see something.....DO SOMETHING

# Police say they stopped a planned July 4 mass shooting in Virginia's capital after getting a tip

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# Setting Up For Success

“If you are prepared, you can do far more than you think you can do!”

- Superintendent Doug Carter  
Indiana State Police



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