

Active Assailant (Shooter) – Protocol 136

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KEY QUESTIONS

1. **¿Qué tipo de armas están involucradas?** _____
 - a. **(Gun)** ¿Cuántos tiros fueron **disparados**?
 - b. **(Gun)** ¿Cuándo fue la **última vez** que **escuchó** disparos?
2. **¿Cuántos sospechosos están involucrados?**
3. **¿Dónde está el sospechoso ahora?**
 - a. **(Suspect left/leaving/circulating)** ¿Cómo se fue?
 - i. **(Vehicle)** Necesito conseguir la **descripción del vehículo**... _____
 - ii. **¿En qué dirección iba?**
 - b. Necesito conseguir la **descripción del sospechoso**... –
4. **¿Puede evacuar/abandonar el edificio/la zona de manera segura?**
Yes _____
No or Unknown _____
5. **(LOCKDOWN)** ¿Dónde **exactamente** está usted?
 - a. ¿Cuál es la **mejor manera** de **llegar** a usted?
 - b. ¿**Cuántas** personas están **con usted**?
6. **¿Cuántas personas están en el edificio/la zona?**
7. ¿Aparenta el sospechoso llevar puesto un **chaleco antibalas** o una **armadura protectora**?
8. **¿Vio al sospechoso cargando alguna cosa?**
 - a. **(Yes)** **Describámelo/la.**
9. **¿Escuchó al sospechoso decir algo?**
 - a. **(Yes)** **¿Qué dijo?**
10. **(Suspect on scene)** Necesito conseguir la **descripción del vehículo del sospechoso**...
 - a. **¿Dónde** está el **vehículo** ahora? _____
11. ¿Ha **tomado** algún **rehén** el sospechoso?
 - a. **(Yes)** **¿Cuántos?**
 - b. **(Yes)** ¿Exactamente **dónde** está(n)?
12. **¿Cuántas personas están lesionadas?** **+**
13. **¿Hay algo más que pueda decirme?**



S-1
S-2

POST-DISPATCH INSTRUCTIONS



- (Evacuation)**
- a. Si el **sospechoso se va**, dígamelo **inmediatamente**.
 - b. **No se ponga** en (más) **peligro**.
- (LOCKDOWN)**
- c. Si el **sospechoso** está **cerca**, permanezca en **silencio** y manténgase **fuera de vista**.

- * Do **computer check**.
- * Follow **department policy** regarding the **notification** of department administration, speciality units (SWAT), and bordering agencies.

DLS	* Link to X-1 unless:	
Stay on the Line _____		X-2
Urgent Disconnect _____		X-3
Safety Disconnect _____		X-4
Evacuation _____		S-1 pullout →
LOCKDOWN _____		S-2 pullout →

LEVELS # DETERMINANT DESCRIPTORS **+** **C E G K M O** CODES

E 1 ACTIVE ASSAILANT (SHOOTER) 136-E-1

DESCRIPTION ESSENTIALS**Weapons**

- Arma (**tipo:** pistola, rifle, escopeta)
- Cuchillo (**tipo:** largo, corto)
- Palo o porra (**tipo:** bate, llave de ruedas)
- Otro (**tipo:** vidrio, botella, vehículo)
- Explosivo (**tipo:** bomba)

**Person(s)** (armed suspects first)

- **Raza**
- **Sexo**
- **Edad** (fecha de nacimiento)
- **Ropa**
- Compleción/Estatura/Peso
- Color/Longitud/Estilo de cabello
- Otras características identificables (vello facial, acento, tatuajes, perforaciones, joyería)
- Tez de piel
- Color de ojos
- Comportamiento (tranquilo, emotivo, ebrio)
- Nombre/Relación
- Dirección/Número de teléfono

**Vehicle (CYMBALS)**

- **Color**
- Año
- Marca/Modelo
- **Estilo de carrocería**
- Información adicional (pintura, daños)
- Licencia (permiso, matrícula)
- Estado/Provincia

**Bicycle**

- Tipo/Estilo
- Color
- Marca/Fabricante
- Tamaño de llanta
- Otras funciones

**Boat** (Vessel)

- **Tamaño**
- Color
- Nombre
- Número de matrícula
- **Tipo** (motor interior, fuera borda, de navegación, carreras, pontón, bote)

➔ Determinant Suffixes

The suffix codes help to delineate the specific type of weapon:

- C** = Club
- E** = Explosive
- G** = Gun
- K** = Knife
- M** = Multiple weapon types
- O** = Other

ACTIVE ASSAILANT (SHOOTER)

An **armed** person who has used **any type of weapon** to inflict **deadly physical force** on others and **continues** to do so while having **unrestricted access** to additional victims.

LOCKDOWN

A response utilized by schools, businesses, or individuals that **secures people** in a facility or room to **minimize their exposure** to an **ACTIVE ASSAILANT (SHOOTER)**.

Rules

1. **ASSAULT** situations in which a suspect **does not have unrestricted access** to additional victims should be **handled on Protocol 106**.
2. **Evacuating**, if **safe** to do so, is the **best action** callers can take to **save lives**. However, if this is **not possible**, instructions for callers to go into a **LOCKDOWN** are **critical**.
3. **Hostage situations** developing in the course of an **ACTIVE ASSAILANT (SHOOTER)** scenario should be **handled on Protocol 136**.

Axioms

1. Individuals who are found by an **ACTIVE ASSAILANT (SHOOTER)** and **cannot get away** should be **mentally prepared to fight for their lives** by using weapons, throwing objects, acting aggressively, and yelling.
2. **Most victims** of the Columbine High School massacre were found **in the library** where students were **unable** to evacuate or go into a **LOCKDOWN**.
3. The term "**active shooter**" is a phrase coined by law enforcement to describe **armed assailants who use deadly force** on individuals while having **unrestricted access** to additional victims. These assailants **commonly use firearms**, hence the term "**active shooter**"; however, **any weapon could be used**.
4. A true **LOCKDOWN** **supersedes a fire alarm unless** the smoke or fire is an **immediate life threat**.

NTOA Statement

NTOA (National Tactical Officers Association) **cautions against** a change in police response **based solely on a time delay** of when shots were reportedly last heard. This time delay, by itself, **does not negate the need for an immediate response**. The perpetrator may be using, or preparing to use, other weapons (knives, IEDs, etc.), or her/his shots may not be audible. If the threat's location is not known, officers should begin searching or rescue wounded victims. Officers should transition to a hostage/barricade situation, if necessary, based only on the totality of circumstances.

1 Evacuation

Salga del edificio/la zona **incluso** si otras personas **deciden no** seguirlo. **Ayude** a otros a escapar, si es **posible**.
 Tome una ruta de evacuación **alejada del sospechoso**.
 Mientras escapa **advierta a otros** sobre la situación.
No intente **mover** a personas heridas.
No corra **hacia los oficiales**, mantenga sus **manos visibles** en todo momento y **obedezca** todas sus **órdenes**.
Actualice a la policía con **la descripción y la ubicación del sospechoso**.

- **¿Puede llevar el teléfono con usted?**

Yes → Return to sequence

(No) **Llámenos de nuevo** desde un lugar **seguro**, si es posible. **End**

2 LOCKDOWN

No abandone su ubicación actual si piensa que el **sospechoso puede verlo o encontrarlo**. Si es **seguro** hacerlo, **reúna** a las personas que están a su alrededor y **diríjanse** a la habitación **más cercana** que tenga **puerta con cierre de seguridad**.
 Una vez que esté **adentro**, **cierre con seguro** y **bloquee** la puerta con objetos pesados.
Evite ser visto. Si puede, **apague** las **luces** y **cierre** las cortinas o persianas para **ocultar** cualquier **ventana**.
Siéntese o **acuéstese** en el suelo **cerca de** la pared con la puerta y **evite hacer cualquier ruido**.
 Ponga el **timbre** y la **vibración** de su teléfono en **silencio**.
No le responda ni le **abra** la puerta a **nadie**.
 Si lo **encuentran** y **no puede** escaparse, sea **agresivo** y esté listo para **luchar por su vida** utilizando cualquier cosa como **arma**. Lance objetos, grite y continúe **defendiéndose**. **Return to sequence**

Academy Policy

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Rules

1. **ASSAULT** situations in which a suspect **does not have unrestricted access** to additional victims are **not ACTIVE ASSAILANT (SHOOTER)** incidents.
2. **ACTIVE ASSAILANT (SHOOTER)** situations **change rapidly**, so the EPD must consider and provide the **most appropriate advice** items in this protocol to **assist** the caller.
3. At some point, phone **contact** with the caller may be **lost**. **Pre-Arrival Instructions** need to be **given early** to **prepare the caller** as much as possible to **escape** or **defend** themselves.