



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY MANUAL – CHAPTER 53

ACTIVE THREATS

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POLICY:

From time to time, the department may face situations that place extra demands on departmental manpower and resources. Situations such as a barricaded suspect, a sniper, an active shooter, or hostage taking pose extreme danger to officers and the public. Bomb threats can disrupt normal activities. It is the policy of this department to minimize danger and inconvenience to the public while maximizing the safety of the citizens, visitors, and individual officers. When appropriate, assistance from other departments will be requested through activation of the mutual aid agreement.

PROCEDURES:

4. Response to Active Shooter Incidents

The primary purpose of the Texas A&M University Police Department in active shooter incidents is to provide for direct and immediate intervention of the police to end in-progress violence, mitigate the damage and save as many lives as possible. The following procedure is presented as a guideline that personnel should use when confronted with an “active shooter” situation. It is impossible to set forth the exact procedures personnel should follow in every situation. Each incident is sufficiently unique such that their effective handling cannot be totally reduced to procedures. These procedures are not meant to limit conventional or unconventional police tactics, which might be appropriate given the crisis situation.

f. Training:

- (1) The Department shall provide training for designated instructors in rapid response tactics instructor training or similar training.
- (2) The Department will utilize qualified instructors to train Department officers in rapid response tactics or similar training.
- (3) The Department shall periodically conduct scenario-based training in active shooter situations.