



Training Bulletin

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A Unified Response of Santa Barbara Municipal Law Enforcement and Fire personnel To Active Shooter & Multi-Casualty Incidents

Purpose:

For the Santa Barbara City Police and Fire Department to train together, practicing strategies and tactics on how to collaboratively respond to any Active Shooter (AS) or Multi-Casualty Incident (MCI), that occurs within the City and County of Santa Barbara.

Developing a better understanding of each agencies role, responsibilities and terminologies will allow for an effective and rapid response to any Active Shooter and Multi-Casualty Incident.

The primary goal of this collaborative effort is to 1. Stop the Active Threat 2. Treat Life Threatening Injuries as soon as possible and 3. Save More Lives.

Overview:

Gone is the time where first responders can wait for an AS/MCI scene to be made safe by SWAT teams, before entering and begin life saving measures to those survivors in need.

Lessons learned from past AS/MCI incidents like Columbine, Pulse nightclub and even more recently the Parkland HS shooting are:

1. Law Enforcement personnel are the first wave of an offensive response, taking whatever measures necessary to neutralize the threat.
2. A need for Fire/EMS personnel to be partnered with Law Enforcement, for the purpose of deploying into warm zones as soon as possible, to begin life saving measures and evacuate survivors to a Treatment Area.

First Responders must collaboratively bring together their skills of tactics and rapid triage capabilities, in order to save more lives.

*In September of 2018, the entire SB City Fire Department went through this training, including a skills/scenario portion. They trained on being assigned to an RTF Team that enters, works in and departs a Warm Zone. A group of SBPD officers assisted and fulfilled the role of Force Protection on these RTF teams. There were several learning points that came out of this training which were found applicable to both Fire and Law Enforcement personnel. When you see a **Training Point** marker, what follows are these applicable training lessons.