

Ventura Police Department

Active Shooter Training Plan

An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a populated area, and recent active shooter incidents have underscored the need for a coordinated response by law enforcement and others to save lives. Ventura Police Officers complete multiple trainings on Active Shooter Incident response per year.

1. Lecture: Officers are trained in the multi-phase approach to responding to an Active Shooter Incident. This portion also contains information on tactics and working with other involved agencies, such as Fire Departments, Paramedics, and additional Law Enforcement agencies.
2. Police Response Scenarios: Officers will go through several scenarios related to the phases of Active Shooter Incident response which are strictly law enforcement specific. These scenarios may also include the use of actors, blank firearm rounds, and simulations in order to form a realistic training environment.
3. Full Scale Scenarios: Officers will go through full scale Active Shooter Incident scenarios. These scenarios may also be completed in conjunction with the Fire Department and require cooperation between both agencies to complete the scenarios. The scenarios may also use actors as well as mannequins with simulated injuries.

This training may include other components not listed, which may be added or removed given the locations and training resources available at the time of the training in order to stay current on Active Shooter Incident trends and training.