

“Fire Service Response to the Active Shooter”

This presentation will also discuss law enforcement tactics and the implementation of fire and EMS personnel into the response plan. Many fire and EMS agencies are unaware that the Department of Homeland Security has stated that fire and EMS personnel *will* enter into the active shooter environment and *will* conduct rescues while the situation is ongoing. In addition to the Department of Homeland Security requirements, numerous other organizations state that integrated police/fire/EMS response is required at active shooter events. These organizations include the National Fire Protection Association, the International Association of Police Chiefs, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the International Association of Fire Fighters, and the Hartford Consensus.

This presentation will discuss priorities for fire, and EMS personnel and the need for integrated response. Lessons learned from multiple active shooter events will be discussed including, the various “scenes” at an active shooter event, asymmetric perpetrator tactics, casualty collection points, marking the deceased, tactical breaching, command and control, and integration of the rescue task force.