

Perquimans County

First Responder Exercise

Date: Friday, February 4, 2022 beginning around 1:00 p.m.

Where: Church Street including the Perquimans County Courthouse and Courthouse Annex

Why: A realistic Active Shooter Exercise that will help first responders test and refine response skills that would be needed for this type of event.



How will it impact you and your business?

-The North Bound travel lane of Church Street will be closed for the duration of the exercise for public safety vehicle access and for the safety of responders.

-All parking spaces on the North Bound side of Church Street between Market and Grubb Street will be closed on Friday for this event.

-A sign board will be placed on Church Street earlier in the week announcing the road closure and training event.

What can you do?

-Inform your customers prior to the event that a portion of Church Street will be closed.

-Inform your customers the day of the event that this is only a training.

-You may hear gunfire, sirens, screams, and see shooting victims as our goal is to make this event as realistic as possible.

-Prepare yourself and your business... What would you do to protect yourself, your employees, your customers, and your business should an event occur. What is your plan? Now is a great time to prepare with your employees. (See the back of this flyer for more information)

We know that this training will have some impact on your business, and we would like to apologize in advance. However, this training is important for responders to be prepared for an event of this caliber with prayers that it will never be used. Remember, your safety comes first!

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Perquimans County Emergency Services – 252-426-5646

Reacting to an Armed Intruder in the Workplace



While prevention is important, your workplace also needs to have a dedicated plan in place for what to do during a potential instance of violence. All employees should be trained on proper exit procedures, escape routes and hiding places. Though it can be difficult to prepare for such an event, develop a clear protocol that will offer guidance in this type of situations.

1. **If Possible, Notify Authorities** - Call or Text 911
- See 911 Questions
2. **Run** – Locate and take the safest escape route. Leave your valuables and encourage others to leave the area with you.
3. **Hide** – If evacuation is not possible, find a room with a door that can be locked or a large object to hide behind that is outside the shooter's view. When hiding, silence your cell phone and turn out any lights in a room.
4. **Fight** – As a last resort, commit to fighting to save your life. Use objects around you and act with physical aggression to incapacitate the shooter if they approach you. Once first responders arrive, keep your hands visible, avoid pointing or shouting and remain calm.

911 Questions You May Be Asked

1. What type of weapon(s) are involved?
2. How many shots have been fired?
3. When was the last time you heard shots fired?
4. How many suspects are involved?
5. Where is the suspect now?
6. How did they leave?
 - a. Vehicle description (Color, Year, Make/Model, License #)
7. What direction were they going?
8. Can you give me a description of the suspect(s)?
 - a. Race
 - b. Age
 - c. Hair Color
 - d. Gender
 - e. Clothing
 - f. Height/Weight
 - g. Other identifiable characteristics (facial hair, tattoos, piercings, accent, etc.)
9. Can you safely evacuate/leave the building/area?
10. Where exactly are you?
 - a. What is the best way to get to you?
 - b. How many people are with you?
11. How many people are in the building/area?
12. Did you see the suspect carrying anything?
 - a. Can you describe it?
13. Did you hear the suspect say anything?
 - a. What did they say?
14. (Suspect on Scene) Did they arrive in a vehicle?
 - a. Vehicle description (Color, Year, Make/Model, License #)
 - b. Where is the vehicle now?
15. Has the suspect taken any hostages?
 - a. (Yes) How many?
 - b. (Yes) Exactly, where are they?
16. How many people are injured?
17. Is there any other information you can tell me?