

Active Shooter - Prevention, Design, Design Review, & On-Site Assessments

BACKGROUND

Historically, antiterrorism, force protection, and physical security efforts have focused primarily on terrorists or other organized groups of aggressors. It has become more common for lone aggressors to plan and execute relatively coordinated incidents involving firearms that, much too often, result in serious injuries and deaths of large numbers of personnel. The Protective Design Center (PDC) has been executing various types of on-site antiterrorism/force protection, physical security, and contingency plan assessments for nearly three decades. Assessments vary in scope and are tailored to the specific needs of the customer. Assessments that focus on active shooter deterrence and mitigation concentrate on issues that relate to that type of event, but can also be used to gauge compliance with all applicable standards and regulations.

CONSIDERATIONS & CONCERNS

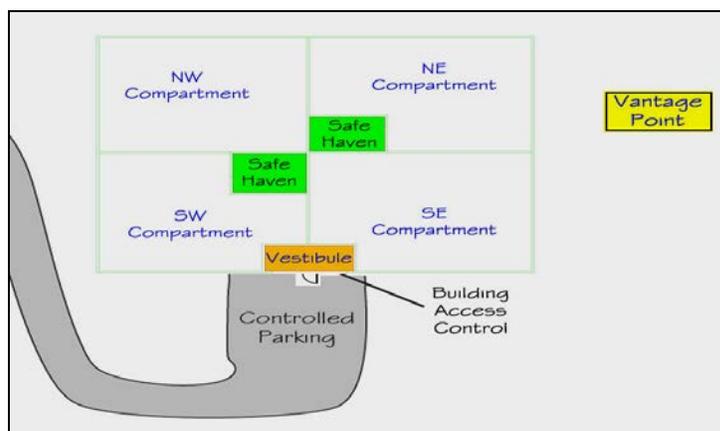
Current considerations and concerns include:

- Do existing parking control measures prevent unauthorized individuals from having unimpeded access?
- Is line-of-sight obscured from outside vantage points?
- Are lighting and other security measures adequate to deter aggressors?
- Does building access control deter, prevent, and delay unauthorized access to the building?
- Is the building/facility compartmentalized in a manner that impedes internal movement by active shooters?
- Is there an active shooter plan, is it exercised, and do personnel know of its existence and know what to do?
- Are there established safe haven locations, do personnel know their locations, and are they constructed to prevent access and delay potential aggressors?
- Is there more than one egress route and do personnel know of their existence and what to do during an event?

PDC SUPPORT

Assessments can be tailored to consider a specific set of threat tactics. For deterring and preventing active shooters, the aspects that the PDC assessments address, include:

- Establishing a plan to control parking – construction, equipment, and/or procedures
- Determining adequacy of lighting & other security systems
- Determining if there are vantage points with line-of-sight
- Identifying any building access control deficiencies
- Establishing plans for building compartmentalization
- Determining locations for safe havens and routes for safe passage and evacuation
- Establishing delay times for existing building construction elements (doors, windows, etc.) and determining their adequacy to prevent compromise and delay access
- Determining adequacy of visitor processing procedures
- Developing/ determining adequacy of response plans
- Developing/ determining adequacy of contingency plans



PRESENTATION and REPORT OPTIONS

Intermediate and final products can be tailored to customer needs/requirements:

- In-brief prior to on-site assessment
- Out-brief to present preliminary findings following on-site assessment (verbal, written, or PowerPoint presentation)
- Letter Report focusing on deficiencies, vulnerabilities, and mitigating measures
- Draft Report to allow for customer review and comment prior to taking report to final
- Detailed Report documenting existing conditions; analysis of measures and construction elements intended to deter, prevent, and delay; vulnerabilities; analysis of existing procedures; analysis of existing prevention and response plans; mitigation recommendations, plans, and cost estimate; threat analysis; photographs; and mitigating measure information cut sheets
- Active Shooter Deterrence/Prevention Plans, Antiterrorism (AT) Plans, Contingency Plans, and Response Plans
- For Official Use Only (FOUO), classified, or FOUO with a classified annex

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