



QUICK FACTS

- The Federal Protective Service formally introduced an Active Shooter Response program in 2006 due to increasing and shifting threats to federal facilities.
- In 2014, FPS inspectors, officers, and agents provided over 7,000 hours of tenant training to federal employees across the nation.
- “Run, Hide, Fight” and “Active Shooter, Options for Consideration” videos are used in training.
- Active Shooter trainings inform and educate tenants to integrate facility response plans with FPS response plans for active shooter events.

Active Shooter Training for Tenants

Active shooter incidents are becoming more common across the country. The Federal Protective Service makes an aggressive effort to provide numerous levels of training, exercises, and activities geared toward the prevention and ultimate response of an active shooter incident at federal facilities.

Tenant Awareness Training

FPS protects more than 9,000 federal facilities nationwide. The agency’s mission includes securing facilities during a dangerous threat as well as empowering federal tenants with knowledge of what to do in a physical security crisis situation.

In 2009, FPS developed Active Shooter Tenant Awareness Training for federal customers. The one hour course focuses on awareness of building tenants and customer emergency management representatives to the basic response procedures of an active shooter situation. These trainings make a tremendous impact in preparing federal employees for active shooter events at federal facilities.

Methodology

The FPS Active Shooter Tenant Awareness Training teaches tenant personnel the “Run, Hide, Fight” concept of self-protection. Under this model, participants are taught to have an escape route in mind, as well as encourage others to evacuate the area quickly.



The “Hide” prong teaches participants how to identify safe shelter locations and how to create barriers with items available, such as tables and desks. The “Fight” portion of the lesson informs tenants to only approach an active shooter as a last resort.

The training also instructs tenants on facility lockdown procedures as well as guidance on what to do when law enforcement arrives to a facility during an active shooter threat. Basic emergency preparedness is covered as well so participants learn how to create an emergency response plan for their facilities.

About FPS

The Federal Protective Service is a law enforcement and security agency with a mission of protecting millions of federal employees, contractors, and visitors to federal facilities. FPS is a component of the National Protection and Programs Directorate of the Department of Homeland Security.