



**Chapter:** Critical and Specialized Incidents  
**Subject:** 09-07 – Active Threat Response  
**Effective:** October 29, 2024  
**Supersedes:** N/A  
**Distribution:** Department Members

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**PURPOSE:** This Order establishes department protocols for assessing and responding to an active threat situation to limit serious injury or loss of life.

#### **09-07-1 POLICY**

It is the department's policy that during an active threat situation, responding enforcement members shall take immediate action to prevent further injuries or loss of life with the ultimate priority being the preservation of human life.

#### **09-07-2 DEFINITIONS**

- A. Active Threat: An incident where one or more suspects is participating in a random or planned violent spree; actively demonstrating their intent to continuously cause serious bodily injury or death to others. Although these events often involve the use of firearms by perpetrators, they may also involve the use of other types of weapons or implements that could cause serious injury or death.

#### **09-07-3 ACTIVE THREAT RESPONSE**

- A. Enforcement members responding to an active threat shall assess the situation and, if possible, stop the suspect's violent actions using methods consistent with their training experience, and department written directives.
- B. The response shall include efforts to locate, recover, shelter in place, and/or facilitate the evacuation process of victims to safe areas or to emergency medical personnel for treatment.

#### **09-07-4 INCIDENT COMMAND**

- A. As soon as practical, the incident command system shall be implemented in accordance with the guidelines established in the written directive for department mobilizations, to organize, manage, and deploy resources.
  - (1) The highest-ranking enforcement member on the scene shall establish an incident command post until otherwise relieved.

- (2) Additional enforcement members shall provide assistance as required by the incident commander, which may include, but is not limited to:
  - a. Entry or containment teams
  - b. Perimeter control
  - c. Evacuation of persons at risk
  - d. Preservation of the crime scene
  - e. Collection of evidence

#### **09-07-5 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND INTER-AGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Enforcement members shall notify their Regional Communications Center of their involvement in any active threat incident.
  - (1) The Regional Communications Center shall notify additional public safety departments and request first responders and other resources as necessary.
  - (2) The Operations Section, in partnership with local law enforcement agencies, local communication centers, and the Communications and Outreach Division will make public notifications to the surrounding community for awareness and safety as soon as practicable.

#### **09-07-6 PUBLIC SHELTERING AND CONTAINMENT OF THE INCIDENT**

- A. Decisions regarding public sheltering and containment of the incident are the responsibility of the incident commander and are incident specific. Actions taken may include evacuation, sheltering in place, and establishing a perimeter. The on-scene commander shall consider the risk of evacuation or sheltering in place to those impacted. A primary consideration of the incident commander shall be incident containment and termination of the active threat.
- B. Injured victims and innocent persons should be evacuated when it is safe to do so.

#### **09-07-7 POST INCIDENT ACTIONS**

- A. Once the threat has ended or the situation resolved, the location shall be treated as any other crime scene and shall be secured until all evidence is collected for further investigation.
- B. Enforcement members involved in an active threat incident shall complete reports as required by department written directives.
- C. Field Services Bureau command is responsible for coordinating an after-action review to conduct analysis of the incident and develop findings and lessons learned. This analysis should be completed as quickly as possible, with summary provided to the appropriate stakeholders for enhancing responses to similar incidents.

#### **09-07-8 DOCUMENTED ANNUAL REVIEW**

- A. A documented annual review of this written directive, the department's participation in any events meeting the definition of an active threat, as well as training needs, will be completed in accordance with Official Order 19-36 – Annual Performance Reports.

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<b>Annual Review Responsibility:</b>	Intelligence Operations Division, Special Operations Division
<b>Accreditation Standards:</b>	CALEA 46.1.10