

Community Response to an Active Threat Incident

University of Pittsburgh Titusville Police Department Community Response / Active Threat Incident

Purpose: Recommended safety measures for on-going and immediate life threatening incidents involving hostile suspects.

Secure Immediate Area:

- Remain calm, quiet and out of sight
- Take adequate cover (concrete walls, thick desks, filing cabinets)
- Silence cell phones
- Lock and barricade doors
- Turn off lights
- Close blinds/curtains
- Block windows
- Turn off radios and computer monitors

Contact Authorities:

- Police emergency: Dial x4488 or 911 from campus phones
- Program emergency numbers into your cell phone speed dial
- Follow direction of law enforcement authorities

What to Report:

- Say “EMERGENCY” and report your specific building and room number
- Report what is occurring, include the assailant’s location, number of suspects, race/gender, physical features, clothing description, type of weapon(s), assailants identity (if known)
- Report the number of injured if known and the types of injuries

Remain in a Safe Location:

- Consider the risks before leaving an area that you know is secure
- Remember that the threat may be in the vicinity
- Attempts to rescue persons should only be attempted if it can be done without endangering others. If doubt exists, for the safety of everyone inside that room, remain inside until advised by law enforcement that the area is clear.

Police Response:

- Remember that the police will act first to neutralize the threat
- Police will then evacuate victims and tend to the injured
- Police will conduct an investigation and assure that counseling is made available