WHAT A DEAN NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT...
ACTIVE SHOOTER SITUATIONS

PROFILE OF AN ACTIVE SHOOTER
An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area, typically through the use of firearms.

CHARACTERISTICS OF AN ACTIVE SHOOTER
- Victims are selected at random
- The event is unpredictable and evolves quickly
- Law enforcement is usually required to end an active shooter situation

HOW TO RESPOND

1. RUN
   - Have an escape route and plan in mind
   - Leave your belongings behind
   - Keep your hands visible

2. HIDE
   - Hide in an area out of the shooter’s view
   - Block entry to your hiding place and lock the doors
   - Silence your cell phone/pager

3. FIGHT
   - As a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger
   - Attempt to incapacitate the shooter
   - Act with physical aggression and throw items at the active shooter
### INFORMATION YOU SHOULD PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT

*Call 911 when it is SAFE to do so

- Location of the active shooter
- Number of shooters
- Physical description of shooters
- Number and type of weapons held by shooter
- Number of potential victims at the location

### WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES

- Remain calm and follow instructions
- Put down items in your hands (i.e., bags, jackets)
- Raise hands and keep them visible at all times
- Avoid quick movements and making loud noises

### COPING WITH AN ACTIVE SHOOTER SITUATION

- Be aware of your environment and any possible dangers
- Take note of the two nearest exits in any facility you visit
- If you are in an office, stay there and secure the door
- Attempt to take the active shooter down at last resort

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*Contact Sergeant Amy Ross at the Montana State Police Department for more information and training on active shooter response in your workplace.*

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