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FBI Releases 2000-2013 Active Shooter Study

The FBI released "[A Study of Active Shooter Incidents in the United States Between 2000 and 2013](#)," (PDF, 1.43 Mb). In response to a law signed in 2013 giving the attorney general the ability to assist investigations of violent acts and shootings in public places, the FBI began a study of active shooter incidents, and the data has just been released.

The information provided in the study covers 160 active shooter incidents in the years mentioned resulting in 1,043 casualties. There are a few interesting things to note from the statistics reported:

- The ratio of casualties injured versus killed is close to being a 50-50 split;
- The average number of incidents in the past seven years studied is almost three times as high as the first 7 years studied;
- Law enforcement suffered casualties in 47 percent of the incidents;
- Shootings occurred in 40 of the states and the District of Columbia.

The study also covers specifics about the different types of locations where shootings took place, how the incidents were resolved, and a number of other variables.

The information in this study is not going offer any hard answers on how to stop these events, nor is it going to provide a template for the perfect response plan. Instead, it will provide a reference point to better understand the trends and exceptions of active shooter incidents. Using the information provided in this study to devise better training and plans will benefit the community as well as responding departments.

(Source: [FBI](#).)

OHA's New Chemical Response Resources Sheet

The potential for a chemical incident involving mass casualties is a constant threat. Whether as an industrial accident or terrorist attack, first responders must continue to prepare and train for this ever-present, ever-changing possibility.

The Department of Homeland Security's Office of Health Affairs (OHA) recently released a [2-page resource sheet for responding to chemical and biological incidents](#) (PDF, 104 Kb) resulting in mass casualties. These resources are collected from various federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, and the U.S. Army.

Covered topics focus on toxicant management, antidotes, incident preplanning, consultation, decontamination, hazard vulnerability, education and training, and crisis communication. This all-in-one resource will be valuable for departments that are looking to improve their response capabilities.

(Source: [DHS OHA](#))

USFA and IAFC Study Assaults on Responders

The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) and the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) are teaming up with Drexel University to study a dangerous problem we are seeing more often – violence against first responders. [Firefighters and EMS personnel are being targeted for violence](#) and sometimes lured into an ambush.

The results of the study are to be released in 2017 and will cover the reasons and methods of such attacks; how to lessen the likelihood of an on-duty incident; and how to respond if you and crew become the target of such violence. The work supports the National Fallen Firefighter Foundation's [Life Safety Initiative Number 12 – Violent Incident Response](#).

In the meantime, incorporating protective or cover and concealment tactics into training is recommended. FireRescue1 hosts a series of videos on "[Escaping Violent Encounters](#)." These videos describe physical self-defense moves you and your partners can practice. The moves are designed for first responders, specifically EMS workers, who may encounter disgruntled patients with the understanding they can be used in the event the patient becomes an attacker.

(Source: [USFA](#))

Creating a More Resilient Campus: EMI Webinar

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)'s Emergency Management Institute (EMI) is offering the webinar "[Tools for Creating Campus Resilience](#)" (PDF, 610 Kb). This is the third in the Higher Education Program and National Training Liaison webinar series, but the first to focus on campus safety and security itself.

Subject matter experts will present on the following topics:

- The Department of Homeland Security's Office of Academic Engagement will discuss the DHS Campus Resilience program;
- FEMA will present on ReadyCampus, a student-based program that connects campuses to the local community;
- The U.S. Fire Administration will discuss the Campus Fire Safety program and its available resources.

Space is filling up quickly for this webinar and interested parties are asked to [preregister](#). For more information on this webinar, please email [Wendy Walsh](#), EMI Higher Education Project Manager or [Dan Lubman](#), National Training Liaison.

(Source: [FEMA EMI](#))

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