WHAT TO DO IN AN
ACTIVE SHOOTER SITUATION

The following tips are applicable anywhere, including at school, work, shopping malls, athletics and performing arts events, etc.

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS:
• Be aware of your surroundings and report suspicious activity to the MCCCD Department of Public Safety Communications Center at 480.784.0911;
• As you enter buildings and rooms, pay attention to alternate exits and consider how you could escape or secure the location;
• If you hear something that sounds like gunshots or an explosion, trust your instincts and be prepared to

If you find yourself in an active shooter situation, you have three options:

IF YOU CAN ESCAPE, DO SO - RUN:
• Find a safe way to escape;
• Leave your belongings behind and get out;
• Leave even if others do not follow;
• Provide assistance as necessary to help others escape;
• If you encounter police responding, raise your hands and comply with their instructions;
• Call 480.784.0911 if on campus, or 9-1-1 if it occurs off campus, when safe to do so.

IF THE SHOOTER IS NEARBY OR TOO CLOSE AND YOU CAN'T ESCAPE - HIDE:
• If possible, move to a room where you can lock doors;
• Block doors and window with anything available, i.e.; tables, chairs, desks, file cabinets, etc;
• Turn off lights, be quiet, and silence cell phone;
• If hiding with others, spread out;
• Call 480.784.0911 if on campus or 9-1-1 if it occurs off campus.

IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO ESCAPE OR THE SHOOTER DISCOVERS YOUR HIDING PLACE YOU MUST BE PREPARED TO - FIGHT:
• You must be prepared to fight as a last resort when your life is in imminent danger;
• Do whatever you have to do to incapacitate the shooter;
• Do not be tentative, commit to action, your life may depend on it;
• Improwise weapons and do what you have to do to survive;
• The element of surprise is your ally.

It is important to remember the following:
• The first police officers on scene will not render aid or stop to help the injured. Police are trained to find and stop the shooter from hurting anyone else;
• As other officers arrive and the situation becomes safe, victims will be treated and evacuated;
• Please remember that the responding police officers do not necessarily know who the shooter is. Everyone they encounter may be a threat, so:
• Remain calm and follow their instructions;
• Drop items in your hands;
• Raise your hands;
• Keep your hands visible;
• Avoid quick movements toward officer and do not reach for or grab them;
• Be prepared to provide as much information as you can to help the officers find the shooter.