11.10.01 PURPOSE AND POLICY

The purpose of this directive is to provide guidance for the Department’s initial response to active violence incidents where the suspect(s) is taking aggressive actions intended to inflict serious bodily injury to victims. This guidance will generally be applicable until the threat(s) is located and stopped or until the Incident Command System (ICS) is activated and sufficient additional resources are deployed.

It is the policy of this department to seek out, engage and stop as rapidly and safely as possible, suspects who are actively injuring victims. It is also essential that the department establishes and maintains a sufficient level of preparedness to respond to such incidents. The protection of life is of paramount importance and the primary goal in completing our mission. [46.1.10.c]

11.10.02 DEFINITIONS

Active Violence Incident – an incident at a populated location in which one or more suspects is actively firing a weapon, using explosive devices or otherwise seriously assaulting or attempting to locate and assault multiple victims.
11.10.03 PREVENTION AND EARLY DETECTION

All Department personnel must be aware of and recognize behaviors by students or other persons that indicate they may pose a threat to schools, worksites or other locations.
C. The Special Operations Division (SOD) commander is responsible for overseeing the Department’s preparations and planning for response to an active violence incident.
11.10.04 PROCEDURES

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D. Supplementary Resources

1. The on-scene supervisor or watch commander will coordinate with responding Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service units and any other school or facility personnel, City or law enforcement resources called to assist with the handling of the incident. [46.1.10.b]

2. The on-scene supervisor or watch commander will coordinate with the PIO concerning public notifications for awareness and safety. [46.1.10.a]

3. As needed, request additional outside resources such as mutual aid from neighboring law enforcement agencies, the assistance of a police or med-evac helicopter or assistance from Transportation and Environmental Services to close streets in the affected area.
E. **Post Incident Responsibilities**

1. Police personnel will remain at the incident location and assist in restoring order.
2. An After-action report will be produced.
3. As needed, Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Teams will be activated.
4. An annual review of this directive and training needs will be conducted by the SOD commander. This review will be completed in a memorandum form and submitted through the chain of command to the Chief of Police for comment/approval.  

[46.1.10.e]

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