

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Suburban Cook County

Meeting January 20, 2016 @10:00 am Bedford Park Library

Members in Attendance:

Gary Kulhan	Gerald Conoboy	Brian Bransen
Robert Welter	Leah Thwing	Paul Sambanis
Anthony Roebach	Michael Romano	Kristine Wienberg
Jim Walker	Fred Ferris	Kevin Hansen
John Lillquist	Chris Dangles	Marty Vilimek
Robert Renaud	Gary Gaines	Joan Ellis
Mark Lueder	Dave Haywood	John Kiser
Jim Conn	David Young	

Introductions & Affiliations:

Meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Chair Gary Kulhan. Introductions and affiliations were made. We had 6 functional groups present; therefore, a quorum was met.

Minutes for November 18, 2015 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as written;
1st Marty Vilimek and 2nd by C. Dangles

Presentation - Active Shooters: Pre-Attack Behaviors & Indicators

David Young, Special Agent FBI, assigned to the Chicago region

Active shooters are statistically rare, but they have a high impact on society.

Common motives of Perpetrators of Extreme Violence:

- extreme anger
- perception of persecution
- paranoid ideation
- depression
- antisocial/narcissistic traits
- real or perceived loss
- pre-emptive strike
- magnify/incubate insults

- externalization of blame
- delusional

Pre-Attack Behaviors:

- Development of a personal grievance
- Contextually inappropriate & recent acquisition of multiple weapons
- Contextually inappropriate & recent escalation in target practice & weapons training
- Contextually inappropriate & recent interest in explosives & IEDs
- Drug &/or alcohol abuse
- Intense interest or fascination with previous active shootings or mass attacks
- Engagement with violent media, i.e. video games, movies, music, internet
- Prior to an attack, others were concerned by the attacker's behaviors

Warning Signs:

Behavioral/Physical Clues:

- Physical altercation/frequent fighting
- Inappropriate weapons possession or use
- Drawings & other creative outlets with persistent or intense violent themes
- Bullying or victim of bullying
- Possession of violent literature & information pertaining to known or suspected hate groups
- Inappropriate displays of emotion, particularly anger, depression, or rage
- Isolated & withdrawn

Verbal Behavior:

- Direct or indirect threats
- Verbalizing a violent plan
- Recurrent suicide threats or statements
- Expressing a wish to kill, a wish to be killed, & a wish to die
- Threatens or brags about bringing a weapon to school
- Threatening/ harassing phone calls and/or e-mails

- Hopeless statements, depression
- Excessive profanity
- Challenging or intimidating statements
- Name-calling or abusive language

Bizarre Thoughts:

- Bizarre delusion
- Persecutory delusions with self as victim
- Paranoid
- Command hallucinations

Obsessions:

- Grudges & deep resentments
- Repetitively listening to songs with violent lyrics; watch movies, or play video games with intensely violent themes
- Romantic obsessions
- May be triggered by perceived injustices, humiliations, disrespect
- At-risk individual focuses almost solely on how “so-and-so” has done them wrong or ruined their life
- Aggression immersion

Profiling -there are no Active Shooter profiles - they fit all categories.

Prospective - try to predict who might have elevated potential.

Retrospective - after the fact case-specific analysis.

-rely on behavior on a case-by-case basis.

-is there evidence to suggest movement from thought to action?

-does a person pose a threat or did they simply make a threat?

Threat Assessment Team (TAT)

-Administrator

-Law Enforcement Officer

-Mental Health Professional

-Attorney

Tier II Update:

IEMA is modifying the Tier II program to increase the storage on the main server.

Member Comments:

The group was notified of the death of member Marshalyn Rogers and information was provided regarding the funeral/wake services.

Information was also provided for the e-mail notification of license plate renewal stickers. The link to register for e-mail reminders is *www.cyberdriveillinois.com*.

Public Comments: None at this time.

A special thanks to the Bedford Park Library for the use of the facility.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 10:00; Bedford Park Public Library.

Adjournment at 10:51 am.