

“Quiet Chaos”: Surviving An Active Shooter Incident

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An American Phenomenon???



What is an Active Shooter?

An Active Shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area; in most cases, active shooters use firearms(s) and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims.

What Is A Mass Shooting?

MASS SHOOTINGS

definition:

**4 or more people shot
(injured or killed) in a
single incident.**

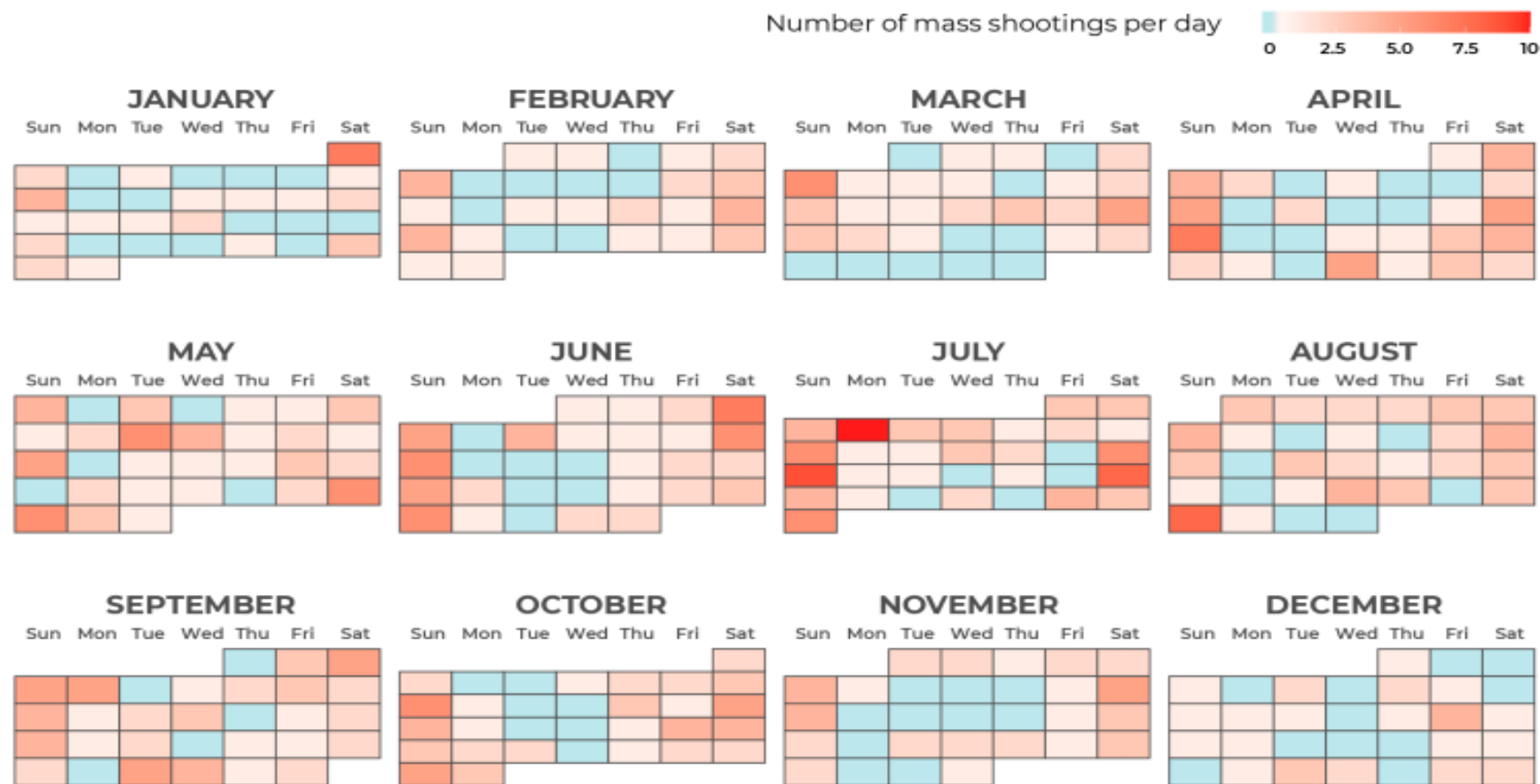
GUN VIOLENCE

Mass shootings across the US in 2022

According to the Gun Violence Archive, in 2022, there were

647

mass shootings in which four or more people were shot or killed - not including the attacker - in a single incident. That left **673 dead** and **2,700 injured**.



There were only 97 days of the year where a mass shooting was not recorded.

January 2023: The worst month for mass shootings in US history!

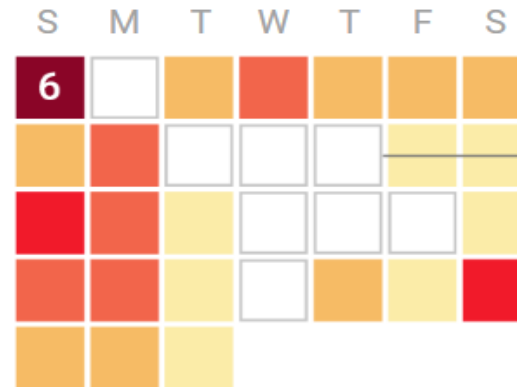
January 2023 Worst on Record for Total Mass Shootings

Total mass shootings in January by day

January 2023

52 mass shootings

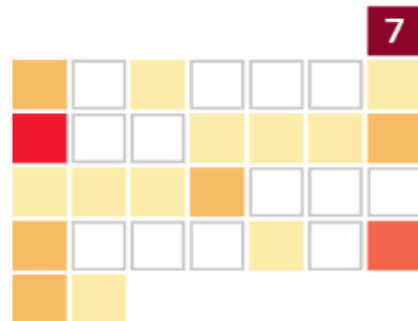
Total mass shootings



There were only eight days in January with no reported mass shootings, down from 13 in 2022.

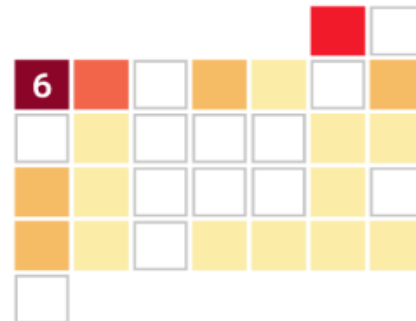
January 2022

34 mass shootings



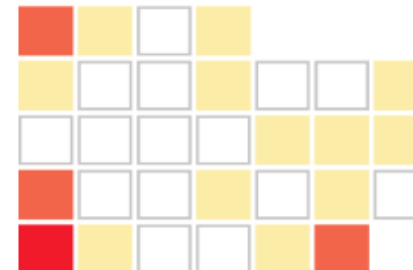
January 2021

32 mass shootings



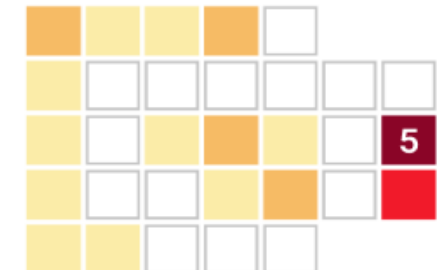
January 2020

25 mass shootings



January 2019

27 mass shootings



Mass Shootings 2023

Mass Shootings in 2023

AS OF FEB 14, 2023

67

Shootings So
Far This Year



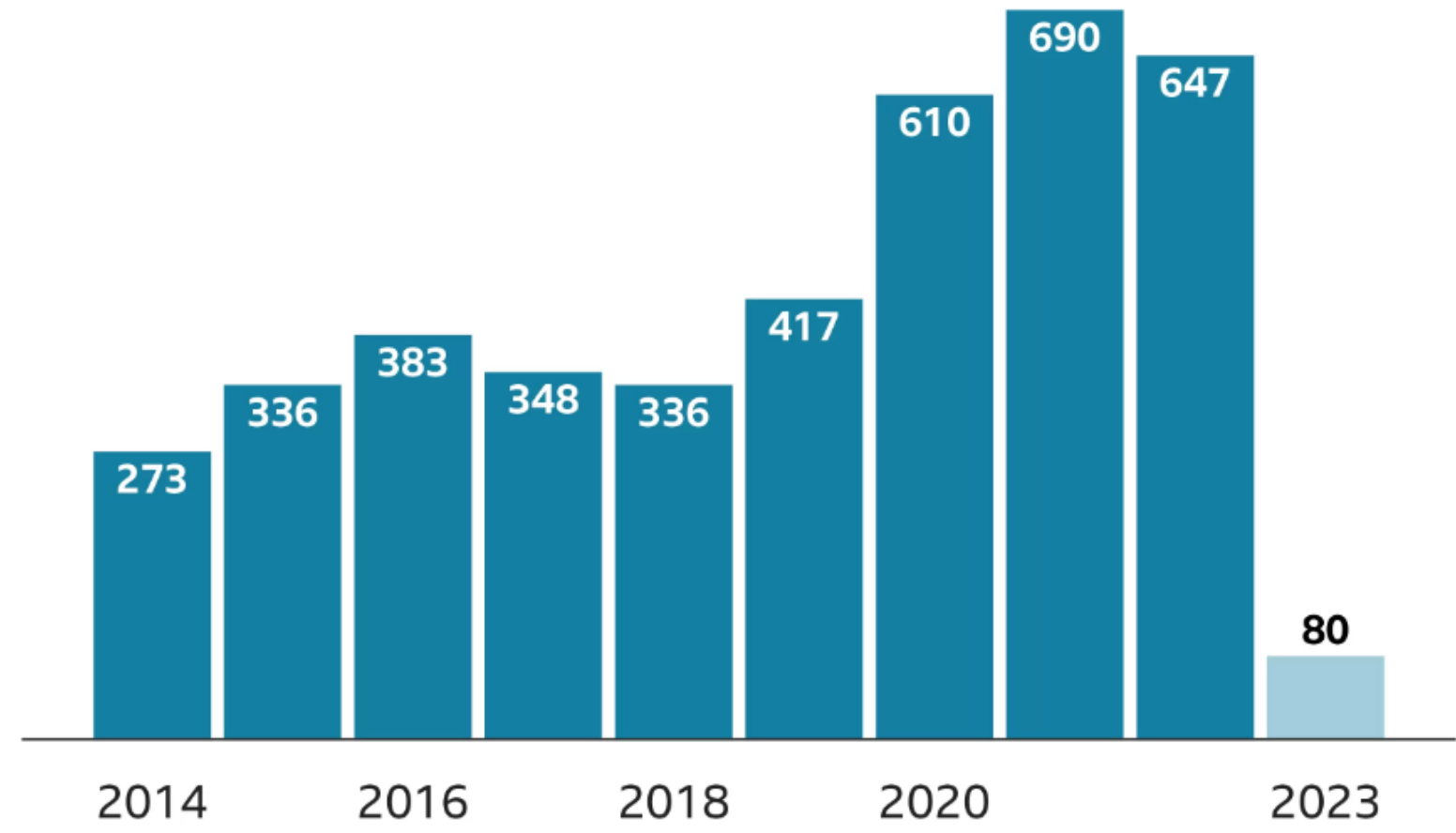
Map tiles by Google Earth
Source: gunviolencearchive.org

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2023 Mass Shootings as of This Week

Mass shootings in the US are on the rise

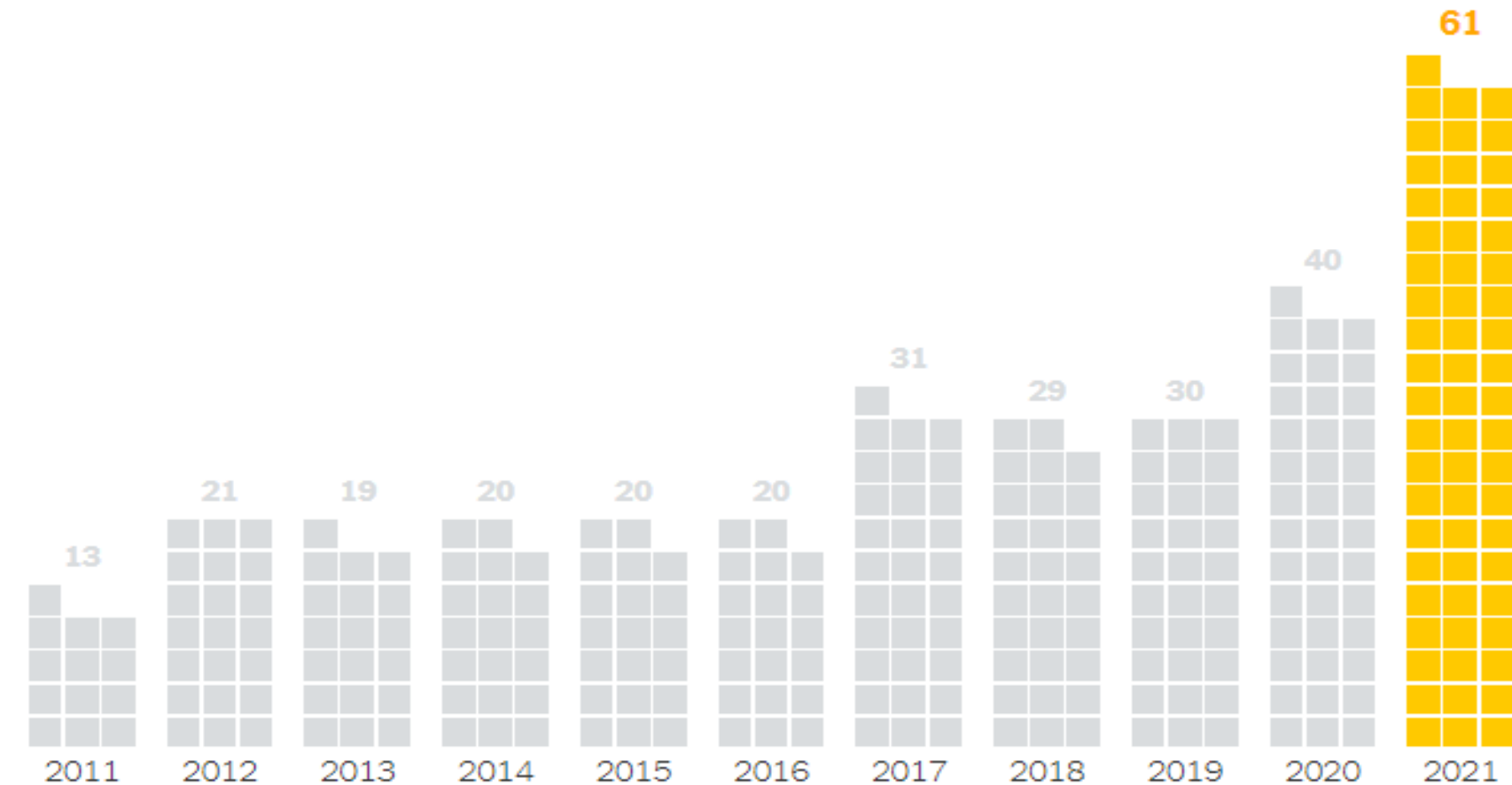
Incidents in which four or more people were killed or injured



Source: Gun Violence Archive, 20 Feb 2023

433 Active Shooter Incidents 2011 - 2021

Active shooter attacks by year



Source: ALERRT Center

Who Stops a 'Bad Guy With a Gun'?

How
433
active
shooting
attacks
ended

249

attacks ended
before the police
arrived.

In 185,
the attacker ...

left the scene **113 times.**

died by suicide **72 times.**

In 64,
a bystander ...

subdued the attacker **42 times.**

shot the attacker
22 times.

The bystander
was a ...
12 citizen.
7 security guard.
3 off-duty officer.

184

attacks ended
after the police
arrived.

In 131,
the police ...

shot the attacker **98 times.**

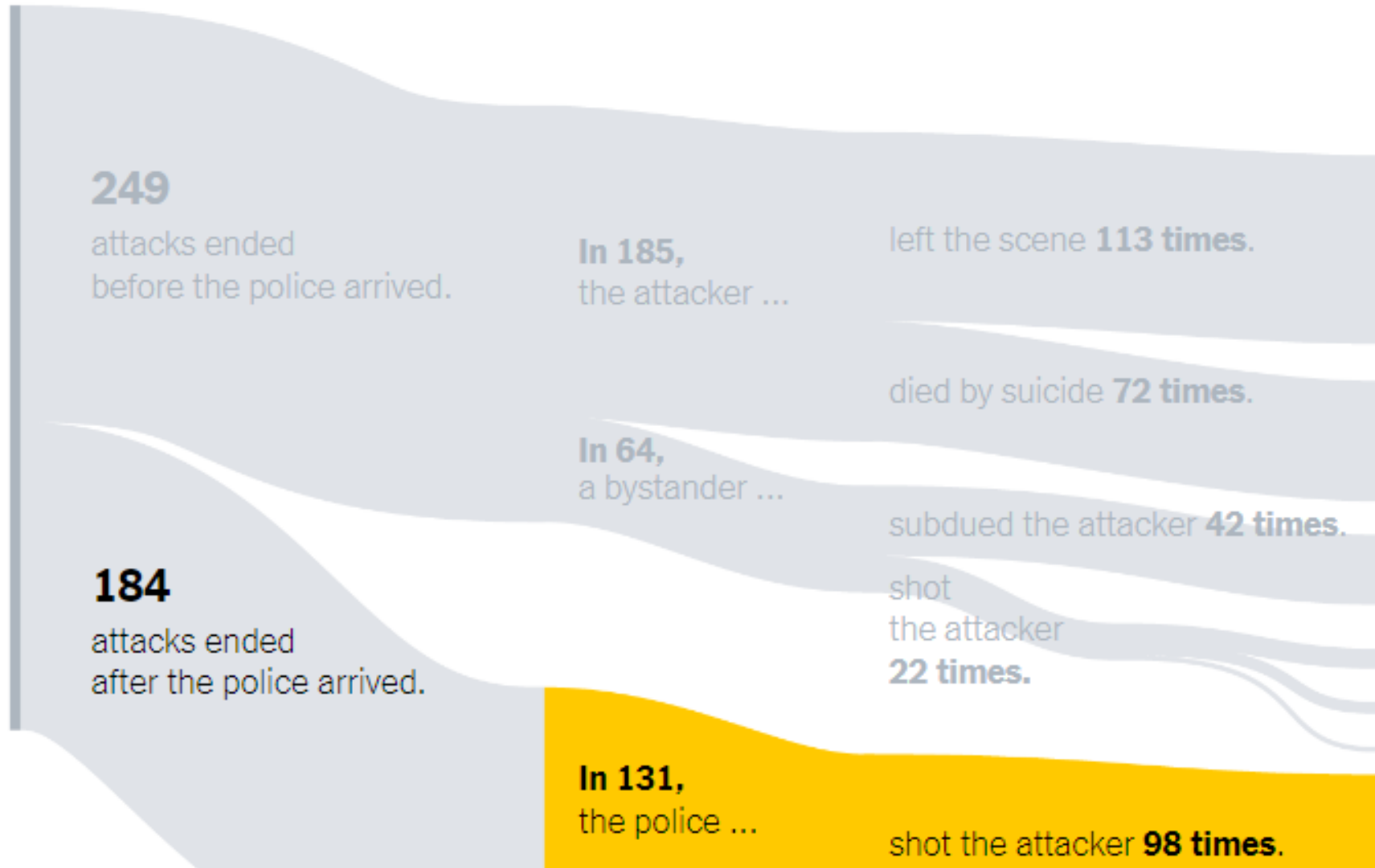
In 53,
the attacker ...

subdued the attacker **33 times.**

died by suicide **38 times.**

surrendered **15 times.**

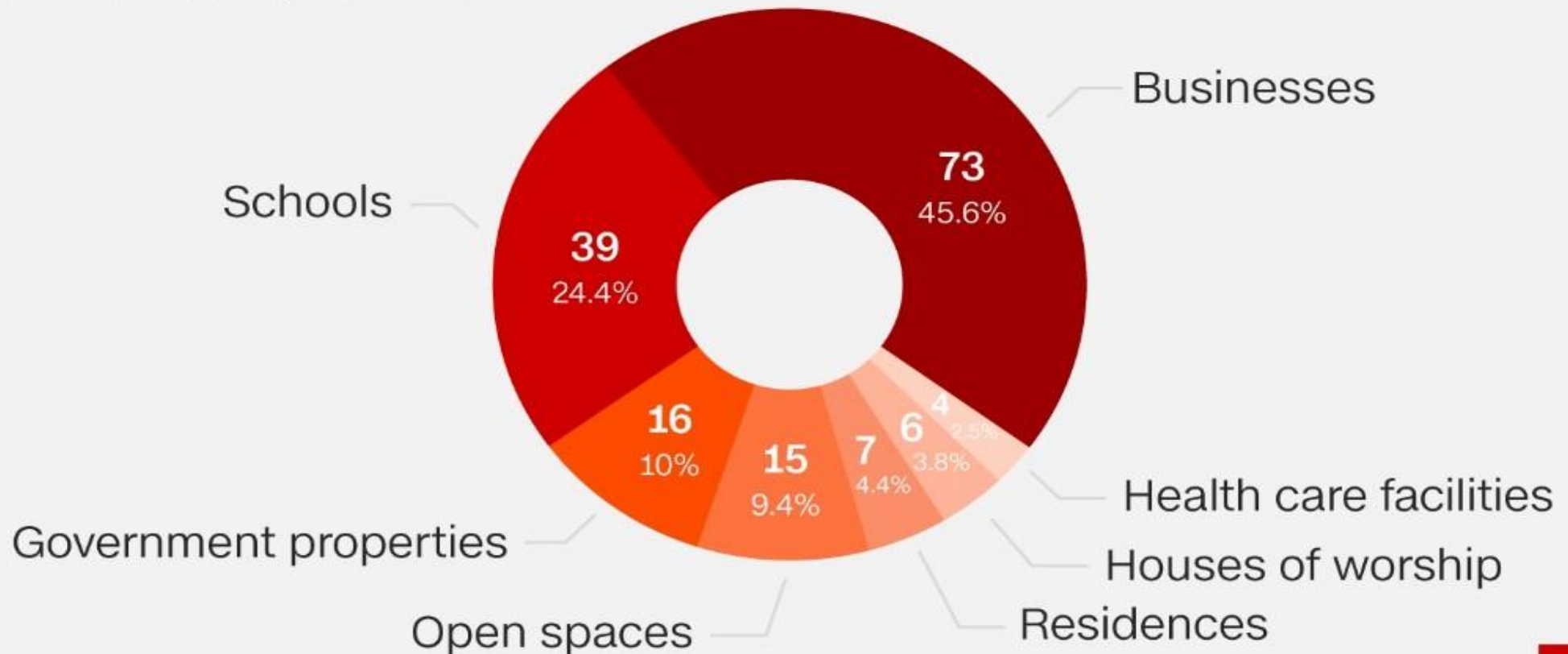
Police officers shoot or physically subdue the shooter in less than a third of attacks.



Where Do Most Active Shooter Incidents Happen?

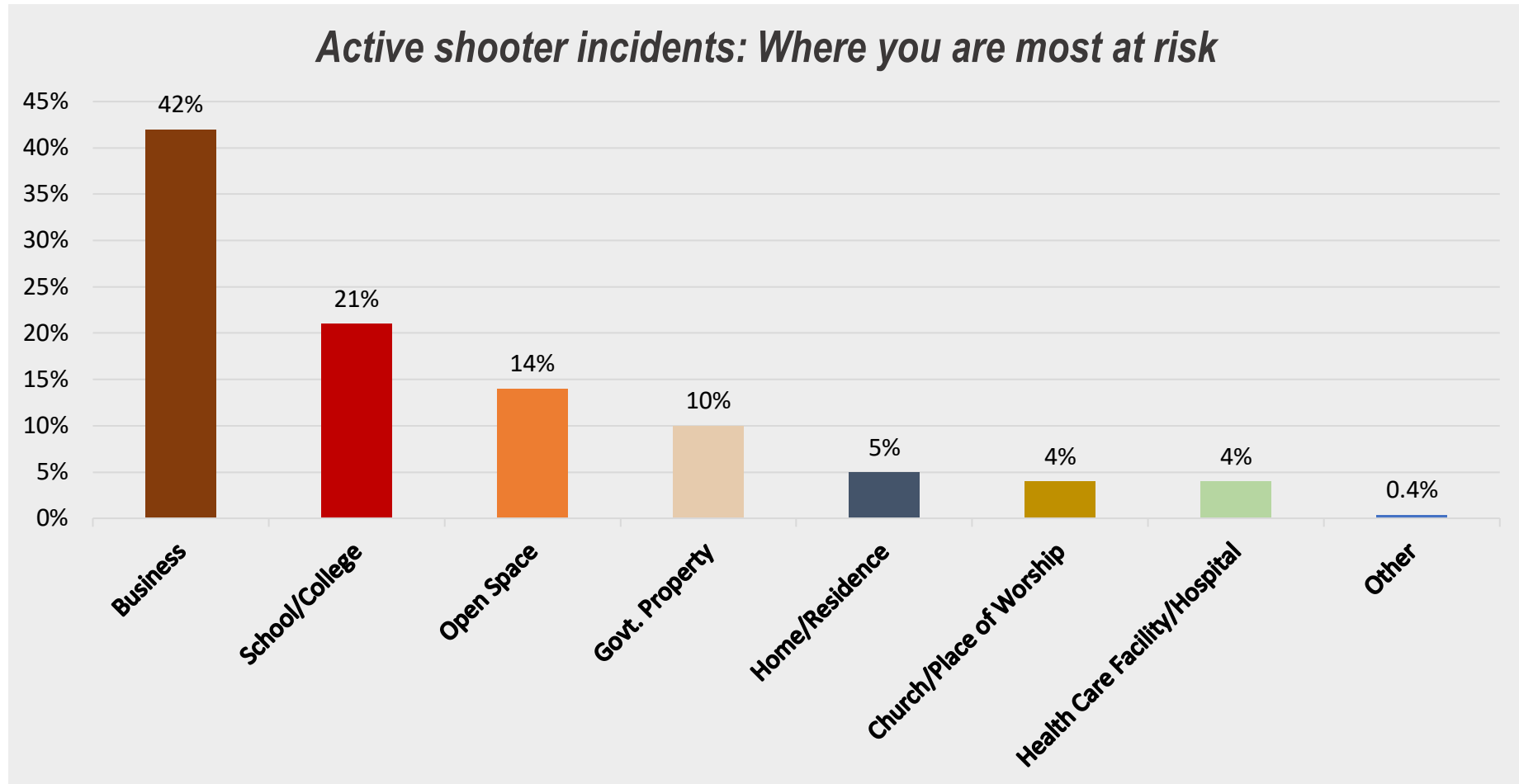
Active shooter incidents: Where you're most at risk

Number of incidents, 2000-2013



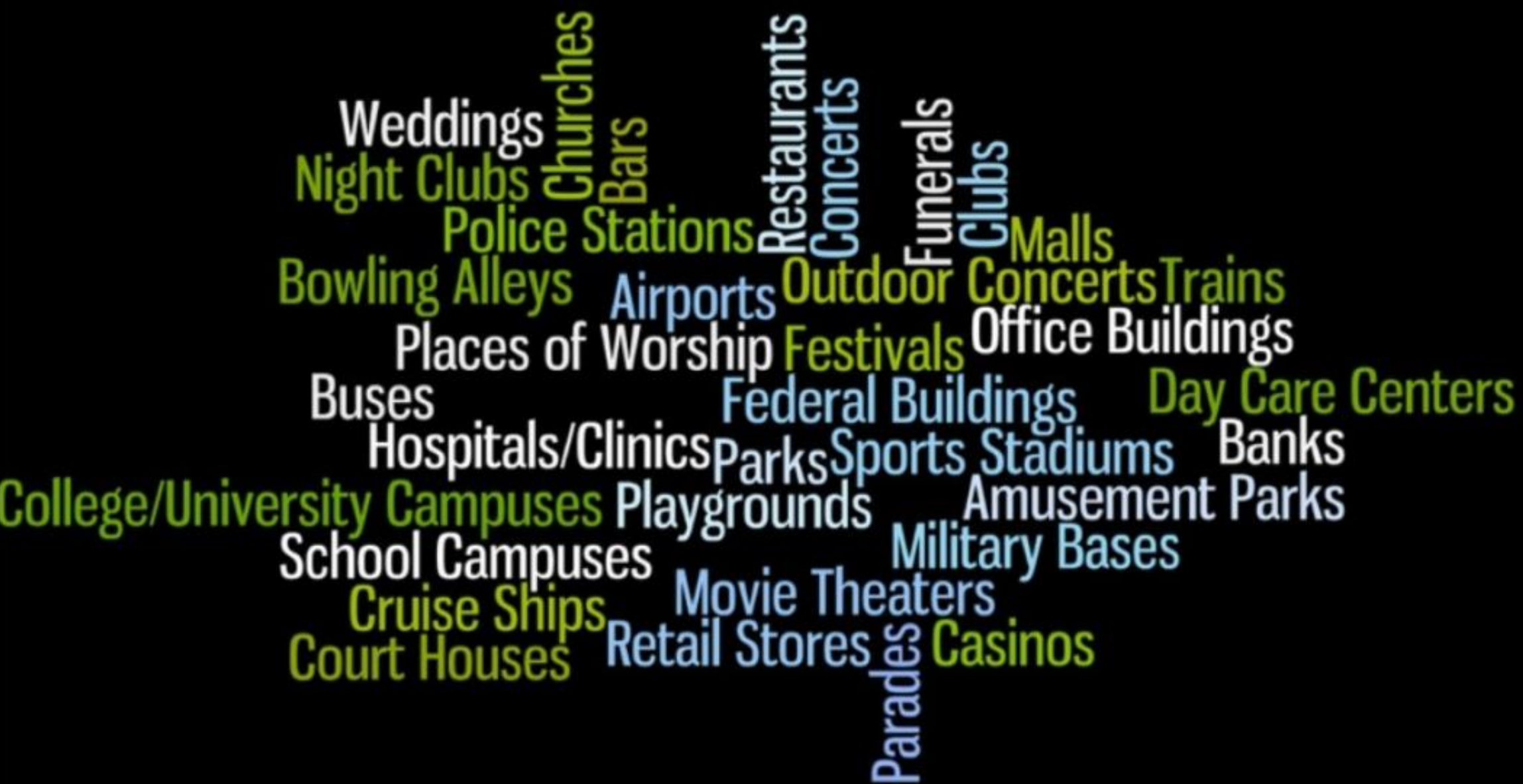
Source: FBI, A Study of Active Shooter Incidents in the United States Between 2000 and 2013

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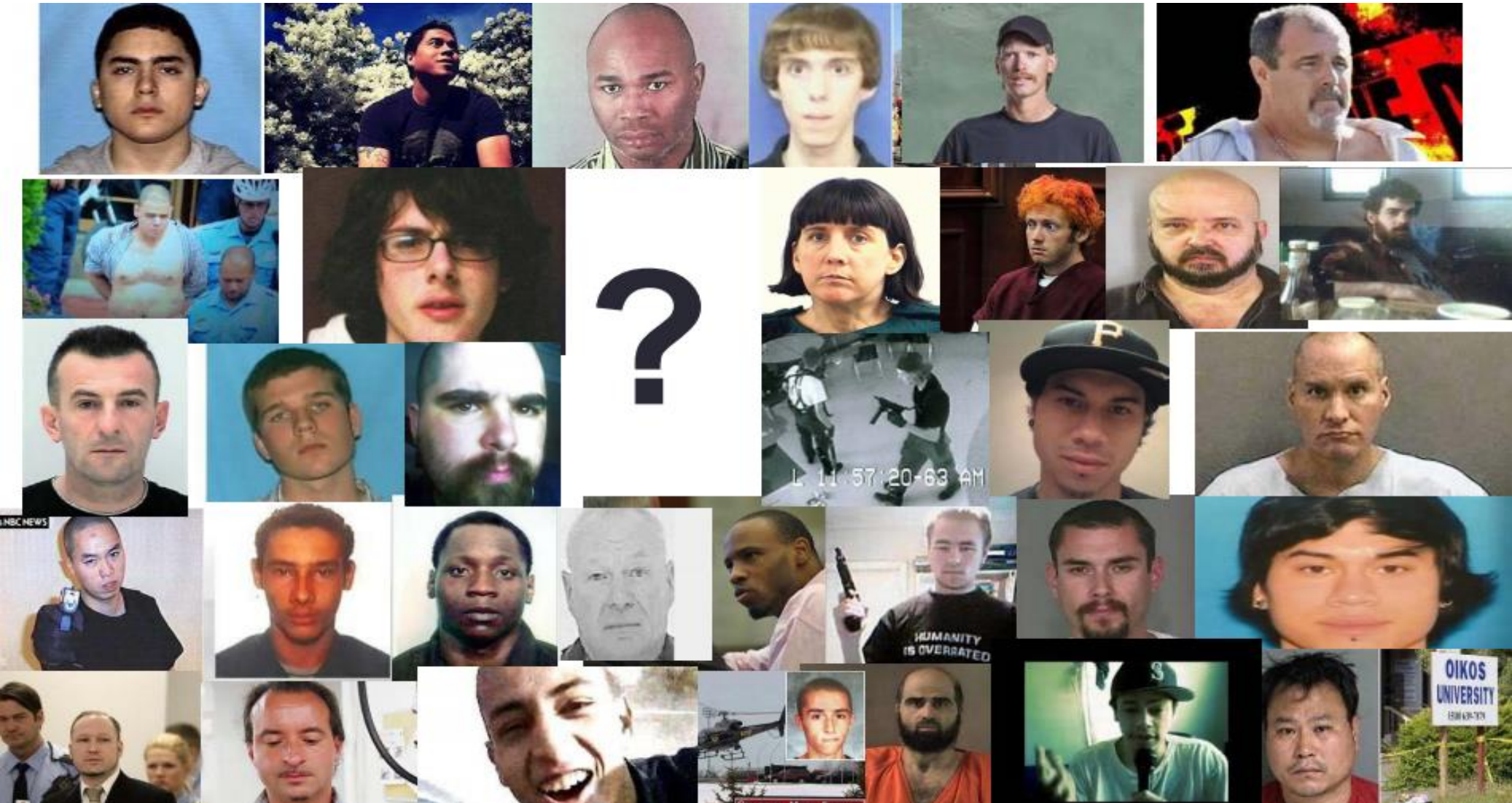


Source: Federal Bureau Of Investigation, Active Shooter Incidents in the United States in 2021

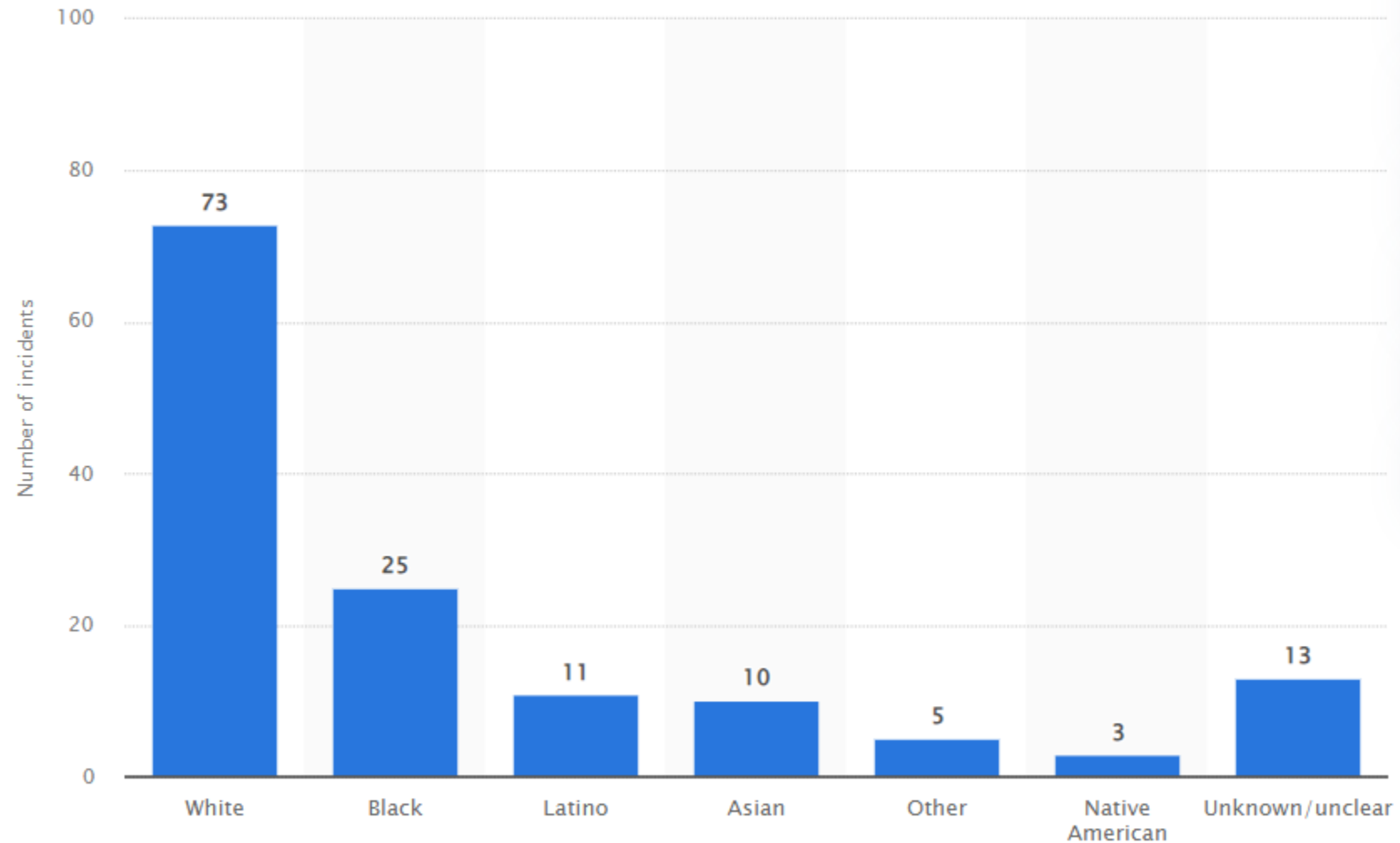
Where is the next attack going to be?



What Does An Active Shooter Look Like?



Number of mass shootings in the United States between 1982 and February 2023, by shooter's race or ethnicity



Characteristics of an Active Shooter

- A lone wolf personality (socially isolated)
- Significant personal problems
- Victim mentality (blame others for their problems)
- Bullying and/or intimidating behavior
- deteriorating work habits, hygiene, etc.
- Paranoia or conflicts with others
- Obsession with weapons
- Poor social skills or antisocial attitudes
- Combative/argumentative behavior

The Violence Project

**THE
VIOLENCE
PROJECT**

**MASS SHOOTER
DATABASE**


Includes **160** perpetrators

Killed **4** or more in a public place

Nearly all male

Average age: **34** years old

Common Factors Among Perpetrators



CHILDHOOD TRAUMA
MASS SHOOTER COMMONALITIES

Early childhood trauma

Parental suicide	Abuse
Domestic violence	Bullying

The image shows a large digital display with a grid pattern. On the left, a white hand is reaching out towards the center. The display features a red header with the text 'CHILDHOOD TRAUMA' in white, followed by a black header with 'MASS SHOOTER COMMONALITIES' in white. Below this is the text 'Early childhood trauma' in white. A table with a light blue background and black borders contains four items: 'Parental suicide' and 'Abuse' in the top row, and 'Domestic violence' and 'Bullying' in the bottom row. The text in the table is red.

Common Factors Among Perpetrators

**THE
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**Many commonalities among
perpetrators**

Experience childhood trauma

Shootings are “socially contagious”

Why Are Mass Shootings “Socially Contagious”?

MASS SHOOTINGS ARE SOCIALLY CONTAGIOUS

BECAUSE:

Society's fear & fascination drives motivation

Shooters study other perpetrators' actions

One seeks validation online

Recognize Signs Of Crisis



RECOGNIZING SIGNS OF A CRISIS

Marked change in behavior

Specific threats of violence

Majority leak their plans

**Fascination with
mass shootings**

Proactive Prevention

PROACTIVE VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Recognize signs of a crisis

**Establish system to
identify individuals**

**Respond with
long-term intervention**

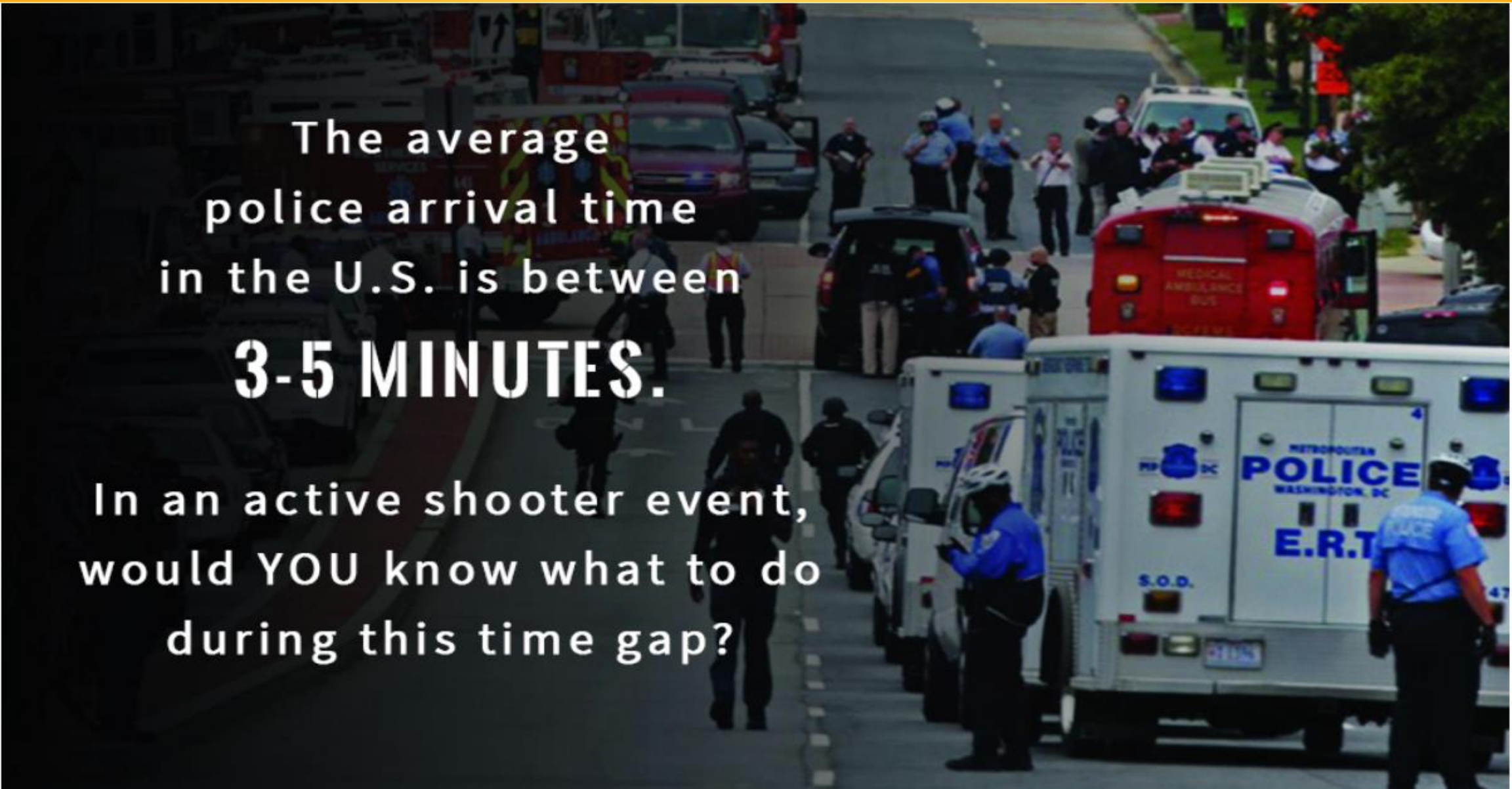


How Would YOU Respond?

The average
police arrival time
in the U.S. is between

3-5 MINUTES.

In an active shooter event,
would YOU know what to do
during this time gap?



#1

Thing to Increase
Chances of Survival

Be prepared!

RUN

HIDE

FIGHT

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RUN

Experts agree, hands down, the best thing you can do to increase your chances of survival is to get as far away from the shooter as possible. The Department of Homeland Security suggests, “If there is an accessible escape path, attempt to evacuate the premises.”

- Have an escape plan
- Leave belongings behind
- Evacuate regardless of whether others follow
- Keep hands visible



HIDE

- Be out of the active shooter's view
- Silence your cell phone and/or pager
- Turn off any source of noise (e.g., radios, televisions, locked door)
- Turn off lights
- Not trap you or restrict your options for movement
- Remain calm
- Dial 911, if possible, to alert police to the active shooter's location
- If you cannot speak, leave the line open and allow the dispatcher to listen



FIGHT

- Acting as aggressively as possible against him/her
- Throwing items and improvising weapons
- Yelling
- Committing to your actions and follow through



What To Do When Law Enforcement Arrives



- Remain calm and follow instructions
- Put down any items in your hands (i.e., bags, jackets)
- Raise hands and spread fingers
- Keep hands visible at all times
- Avoid quick movements toward officers such as holding on to them for safety
- Avoid pointing, screaming or yelling
- Do not stop to ask response forces for help or direction when evacuating

Your Goal

**Your goal: to return
home in the same
condition in which
you arrived!**

QUESTIONS

