Emergency Preparedness Table
Top Exercise - Active Shooter on Campus

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Active Shooter on Campus
Crisis Response Planning
History of School Violence

- Bath - Michigan, 1927
- Centennial Secondary - Brampton, 1975
- École Polytechnique, Montreal – Dec 1989
- Concordia, Montreal – August 1992
- Columbine, Jefferson County – Dec 1999
- Dawson College, Montreal – Sept 2006
- Virginia Tech – April 2007
- Newton Connecticut – Dec 2012
Violence at McMaster

- Adele Komoroski graduate student at Bates, 1973
- Dr. Edith Wightman at Chester New Hall, 1983
  - Introduction of emergency red phones
- Joan Heimbecker graduate student at Bates, 1994
  - Introduction of card access controls in residences and controlled residence access
Table Top Scenario
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Unknown to you....... 

- 'Joe' has arrived on campus with a gun during the lunch hour
- He proceeds to the Student Centre where he starts firing
- Lockdown procedures are initiated

What would your campus do?
Table Top Scenario

- Multiple staff and students are injured and killed
- Shooter leaves the building

What would your campus do?
Table Top Scenario

- Number of victims are unknown
- Shooter is no longer a threat
- Hundreds of staff and students affected

What would your campus do?
Table Top Scenario

- Informed by Police that building is closed for the next 3 months pending criminal activity investigation

What would your campus do?
“McMaster Crisis Response”
Campus Lockdown

- A lockdown is intended to minimize access and visibility. It involves quickly sheltering students, faculty and staff in secure locations.

- When you hear the Lockdown siren:
  - Anyone in immediate danger should attempt to flee
  - Anyone in a safe location follows “lockdown” procedure and locks or attempt to barricade door

- Signs are posted in classrooms as a reminder
EMERGENCY LOCKDOWN

- Exit the building if it is safe to do so

If you are unable to leave:
- Close, lock and barricade the door
- Cover the door windows
- Turn off the lights
- Lay on the floor, under furniture if possible
- DO NOT answer the door
- Wait for Police or security to assist you out of the building
Outdoor Siren System

- Siren Alert System
  - 3 Exterior Sirens installed and sound only activated in a Lockdown Situation
Mass Notification System

- Mass text Notification System active for students and staff
LCD Screens

- LCD Screens throughout campus
Other Communications

- Enhanced Assistance Phones with Public Address Systems
- Campus wide trunked radio system
Additional Alert and Notification Methods

- Campus Telephone Operator greeting message
- Web Page www.mcmaster.ca
- Twitter account
- MUSST APP
- New Parking System digital signage
- CFMU
Other Campus Developments

- Information for staff, faculty and students
- Safety App MUSST
- Campus Emergency Website
A ‘Crisis’ may be defined as:
- situation or the threat of an impending situation which abnormally affects the lives, health, safety and property of the members of the University community or which may be expected to adversely impact the operation, reputation or normal activities of the University
Crisis Management Group

- Responsible for overall decision making & planning
- 10 members of group to include
  - Chair: VP Administration
Crisis Management Group

- Each member has a defined role in the crisis response plan
- Advisory and Support Team-responsible for advising and implementing decisions of CMG
Crisis Management Group

- Regular review of the CMG plan-contents and participants info current
- Paper exercise every second year
- Crisis notification procedures tested at least once a year
Planning for the Aftermath

- After evacuation, evacuees will be directed to or taken to a holding area
  - Medical care
  - University and Police victim services and counseling
  - Witness statements
- Crisis Debrief – such as EFAP required
- University Communication Plan
WHAT ELSE ARE WE DOING TO PREPARE....
Prevention

- **Supporting Students in Difficulty Committee**
  - Sharing of information to eliminate gaps/provide best assistance

- **Violent Risk Assessment Team**
  - Threat Assessment Team and Training
  - Educating faculty on what to look for/resources available
Emergency Guidebook

Guidebook available online:

http://security.mcmaster.ca/campus_emergencies_guide.html
McMaster Campus Training

- Training – Community
  - What to do & why
  - Safety tips
  - Early identification
  - What to watch for

- Training – Campus Police
  - HPS response
  - IRD
Progress Across McMaster -

- Test and Practice
  - May 2012 full scale exercise
  - March 2013 - testing of all notification systems
- Weekly silent tests and/or drills by security
Benchmarking

- Test and Evaluate
- Review every incident
- Implement leanings
- Research new technologies
Questions