

Great Game Huddle Notes
July 19, 2016

Angie Crews welcomed huddle participants. Angie announced that during next week's huddle there will be a drawing for a lucky individual to have the honor of making the first pitch at the Springfield Cardinals game during Greene County Night, Thursday, July 28th and another drawing for two tickets to see a St. Louis Cardinals game!

Angie then introduced Corporal David Carnagey with Campus Security to present the topic of responding to a crisis, such as an active shooter. Corporal Carnagey presented a survivability program as developed by Dr. Jason Wilkens with Prometheus Consulting Group. He asked the huddle if they knew the number to call to receive the most immediate help in case of a violent intruder. Few, if any, indicated knowledge of this number, which is actually not a number at all, but designated as ***. This will result in immediate contact with Campus Security. Calling 911 will work and will result in a larger officer response but will also take longer. On average the police response is approximately 7 minutes but the typical violent attack lasts 8 minutes, which means most of the damage has been perpetrated before help can arrive.

Corporal Carnagey said that gunshots are a foreign sound and unfortunately, an individual's first inclination can be to walk towards the sound to find out what it is. If you do identify the sound as gunshots, immediately call campus security and notify as many others as you can. Quickly open window shades and evacuate the premises, if possible. Remember to lock all doors whether you decide to evacuate or stay. Once escape becomes a viable option, do not hesitate and try to take someone with you. If they are reluctant, leave them behind. Once out, do not go back in. The four key elements to the process are; observe, orient, decide and act. This can manifest itself in fighting back if that becomes the only remaining option. Corporal Carnagey said running towards an attacker in the act of an escape or attack can disorient them and make them reset their thought process as this is something they often don't consider as part of their plan going in. Remember that the gunman probably knows you or someone in your department and has studied the situation and has a plan of action. This is particularly relevant to the county given rising dissatisfaction with government in general.

Corporal Carnagey used the acronym H.E.L.P. as a basic plan when dealing with a violent intruder:

- H – Head's Up. Orient yourself – Get your head up and come up with a plan. Call Security or 911 and notify them with location, description and direction.
- E – Evacuate. **Get Out!** Evacuate if possible, even if it means running past them. Go to a pre-designated rally point a safe distance away.
- L – Lockdown. Lock/disable and barricade doors. Keep calm and quiet. Look for a way out or get ready to fight back.
- P – Protect Yourself. Violence of action – Fight for your life. Use improvised weapons such as a stapler or chair. Run when you can.

Given the current insecure status of the Historic Courthouse, Corporal Carnagey raised the issue of a CCW for select individuals as a topic worthy of further discussion.

Following a brief question and answer session regarding this topic, Angie introduced Kate Morris to share a personal experience she recounted involving the recent Orlando nightclub shooter, Omar Mateen. He was a childhood acquaintance of her and friend of her brother. Knowing him back then, she never would have imagined that he would be capable of such a horrendous act. As she discussed Mr. Mateen with others that knew him as a child, the common thread she heard was that they wished they would have been kinder to him in their interactions back then. Kate concluded by saying we should all strive to introduce kindness to taxpayers and others on a daily basis.