

CHARLOTTESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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PATROL RESPONSE TO ACTIVE SHOOTERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS OR BUILDINGS	Date: November 22, 2019
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I. POLICY

It is not unusual for a tactical team to arrive at the scene of a barricaded incident and find that patrol personnel have contained the suspect within a secure perimeter. There is generally time for the tactical team to deploy their personnel without serious concern of suspect escape. Once the incident has been isolated, time enables patrol and/or tactical personnel to formulate a structured and deliberate plan.

But there are scenarios that require immediate deployment and rapid intervention of patrol personnel prior to the arrival of the tactical team. In these cases delayed deployment could have catastrophic consequences. These scenarios often involve an ongoing “shots-fired” or “downed officer/citizen rescue.” It may also necessitate the immediate and rapid deployment of law enforcement officers to contain and prevent the escape of an armed and dangerous person.

A limited number of the enclosed City of Charlottesville Police Department General Orders have been redacted. The redactions ensure that that Police Department’s operational and tactical responses are withheld for community and Officer Safety (e.g., bank alarm response, response to an active threat, and Tactical Operations).