

## **Is This The New Norm?**

It's not a matter of if, but when! Responders face the most challenging response of their history when preparing for active shooter and terrorist events. Across the United States and the World, the statistics have told us that we need to prepare now. Whether you are in a rural area, or large metropolitan city, everyone is subject to fall victim and response policies must be developed now. In this presentation, the history of response will be discussed, along with the breakdown of several after action reports to show what went well, and what was learned that could be improved with these situations. We will also break down N.F.P.A. 3000, Standard for an Active Shooter Hostile Event Response (ASHER) Program. In this document it talks about the "whole community approach" and gives a guide on how you along with your public and private partners should work toward being on a level playing field when preparing for such an emergency.

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Jody Meiman has over 28 years of experience in local emergency preparedness and response. He currently serves as Executive Director for Louisville Metro Emergency Services which involves Louisville Metro EMS, MetroSafe (911 Call Center), 311, Emergency Management, and Special Events. He holds an Associate Degree in Fire and Safety Technology and retired as a Battalion Chief with the Louisville Division of Fire and Rescue after 20 years of service. He also retired from Lake Dreamland Volunteer Fire Department in southwest Jefferson County as an Assistant Chief. Jody is a Certified Emergency Medical Technician. He has participated and served as an on-scene Incident Commander during several complex hazardous material incidents and specialized rescue responses and is the Emergency Operations Center Manager during many of the large special events that take place in Louisville including Thunder Over Louisville, and all other events that involve the Kentucky Derby Festival. He worked and was a lead instructor for over 15 years with Industrial Safety and Training Services (ISTS) conducting environmental, health and safety training across the United States. Through his travel, he performed course development at all levels of competency for Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) hazardous materials and Homeland Security training initiatives including Emergency Response to Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), and Response to Terrorism. He routinely serves as an exercise evaluator for the Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program initiative during drills, functional and full-scale exercises and consults and trains with other state, local and private sector clients on National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliance, National Response Framework components, and Emergency Management Protocols to ensure coordinated relationships among response organizations and industries to promote sound preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation practices.