



Township hosts ALICE Training Institute

Two-day course teaches survival skills

Alert. Lockdown. Inform. Counter. Evacuate. These five actions can help save a life during a violent encounter such as an active shooter situation, act of terrorism or workplace violence. The Miami Township Police Department is hosting the ALICE Training Institute (ATI), Sept. 20 and 21, 2018, to teach you the necessary skills that could save your life, and that of family members and co-workers during such an event. Upon completion, trainees will be ALICE-certified in survival skills that they can then teach to others.

“Research shows that by the time first responders make it to a scene like a mass shooting, the violence is often already over, so it is imperative in the world we live in now, that people are able to protect themselves and act accordingly during these attacks,” Capt. John Magill, Miami Township Police Department, said.

ALICE empowers people with necessary skills of survival during a violent encounter:

ALERT – The sooner you are alerted to the danger, the sooner you can save yourself. ALICE trainers say every second counts.

LOCKDOWN – If evacuation is not a safe option, barricade entry points into your room to create a semi-secure starting point for evacuation and counteracting if needed. ALICE trainers will share methods of how best to barricade a room and how to plan for evacuation.

INFORM – Continue to communicate the violent intruder’s location and direction in real time if it is safe to do so. Clear communication with police and others is key to making effective survival decisions.

COUNTER – ALICE says counteracting is NOT fighting and considers it a “strategy of last resort.” Counter by creating noise, movement, distance and distraction with the intention of reducing the shooter’s ability to shoot accurately.

EVACUATE – When safe to do so, remove yourself from the danger zone. ATI provides techniques for safer and more strategic evacuations. Evacuating to a safe area takes people out of harm’s way and hopefully prevents any further contact with a shooter.

“The training course is another way that we as police officers can work with the community and help them feel safe. It is important that we work together to prevent violent disasters from happening, but if they do, our residents will have the skills to deal with the situation and better communicate with police,” Capt. Magill said.

The ALICE Instructor Certification Training course is Sept. 20 and 21, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Moraine Heights Baptist Church, 5661 Munger Rd. Registration is required.

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