What You Need To Know About NFPA 3000™ (PS)

As more hostile events continue to occur, it is critical for law enforcement, first responders, emergency personnel, facility managers, hospital officials, community members, and others to have the information they need to be prepared when attacks happen. To address that need, NFPA® developed a new standard – NFPA 3000™ (PS), Standard for an Active Shooter/Hostile Event Response (ASHER) Program.

The purpose of NFPA 3000™ (PS) is to identify the minimum program elements needed to organize, manage, and sustain an active shooter and/or hostile event response program and to reduce or eliminate the risks, effect, and impact on an organization or community affected by these events. The document addresses the following areas and others:

- Planning
  - Assessing risks
  - Developing community-wide programs
- Responding
  - Establishing competencies
  - Communicating to all stakeholders
- Recovering
  - Planning recovery efforts
  - Taking into account healthcare and mental health issues

By the Numbers

Active shooter events in the US: 2000–2016

- 220 incidents occurred between 2000 and 2016
- 1,486 casualties, including killed and wounded (shooters were not included in this total)
- 661 were killed in 220 incidents
- 825 were wounded in 220 incidents

Source: www.fbi.gov

Active Shooter/Hostile Event Response Program

4 Main Concepts

Every chapter is written with these 4 concepts in mind.

- Whole Community
- Unified Command
- Integrated Response
- Planned Recovery
NFPA 3000™ (PS): STANDARD FOR AN ACTIVE SHOOTER/ HOSTILE EVENT RESPONSE (ASHER) PROGRAM CONTINUED

What You Should Know

If you are a policymaker, you need to know how implementing NFPA 3000™ (PS) can help make your entire community safer. As a leader, you can influence all aspects of your community to put into practice the parts that are relevant and be the connection that brings everyone together.

If you are a facility manager, you need to be involved in the creation of an active shooter/hostile event response plan, integrate the plan with your response community, and train all personnel on the plan.

If you are a first responder (law, fire, or EMS), you must work together across disciplines to have the needed knowledge and training to reduce harm.

If you are a member of the public, ask your local officials if they have an active shooter/hostile event response program in place that is integrated with the entire community.

Is NFPA 3000™ (PS) Only for the Fire Service?

No, NFPA 3000™ (PS) is for all safety planners, first responders, and policy makers. This includes fire, EMS, police, school superintendents, facility managers, building owners, safety officers, safety and security consultants, loss control/risk safety officers, risk managers, emergency services directors, and federal, state, city, and municipal government officials. All of these stakeholders need to be at the table and working together.

How was NFPA 3000™ (PS) Developed?

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Next Steps You Can Take

- Learn more by going to www.nfpa.org/3000 where you can follow the standard’s development process and sign up for updates.
- Identify and implement the components that are relevant in your community.
- Visit www.nfpa.org/3000news for access to all the resources you need to implement NFPA 3000™ (PS) in your community.
- Engage with our experts and your peers on NFPA Xchange™ at https://community.nfpa.org/.

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