



# The State of Maryland

## Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
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### Active-Assailant Incident Preparedness and Coordination

- WHEREAS, Active assailants are individuals who participate in ongoing, random, or systematic killings in a short time, or who use improvised explosive devices or other weapons with the intent to inflict mass casualties;
- WHEREAS, The State of Maryland is susceptible to a wide range of threats that have the potential to negatively impact individual Marylanders, education, commerce, critical infrastructure, and the government prior to, during, and following active-assailant incidents;
- WHEREAS, Law enforcement officers who are in tactical situations may need to provide initial lifesaving care for victims, and emergency medical, fire, or rescue services personnel may need to enter areas experiencing an active-assailant incident;
- WHEREAS, Sectors deemed to constitute critical infrastructure are chemical, commercial facilities, communications, critical manufacturing, dams, defense industrial base, emergency services, energy, financial services, food and agriculture, government facilities, healthcare and public health, information technology, nuclear reactors, material and waste, transportation systems, and water and wastewater;
- WHEREAS, To ensure a safe, secure, and resilient Maryland, the Governor is committed to a coordinated effort throughout the state, including on and in public gathering areas, educational campuses and grounds, and the 16 critical infrastructure sectors, to prevent, identify, and protect against threats;

WHEREAS, The Federal Emergency Management Agency defines a “whole community” approach to public safety as “a means by which residents, emergency management practitioners, organizational and community leaders, and government officials can collectively understand and assess the needs of their respective communities and determine the best ways to organize and strengthen their assets, capabilities and interests”;

WHEREAS, The Maryland Emergency Management Agency is responsible for coordinating the efforts of State agencies and ensuring that Maryland families, communities, and key stakeholders are provided the tools they need to prevent, prepare for, mitigate the effects of, respond to, and recover from the consequences of emergency events and disasters, including active-assailant incidents;

WHEREAS, The Maryland State Police is responsible for leading statewide protection efforts; and

WHEREAS, Guidance for the preparedness, prevention, protection, response, and recovery for active-assailant incidents is provided by the Maryland Active Assailant Interdisciplinary Work Group;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, AND BASED ON THE ABOVE FINDINGS, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

- A. Executive Branch units subject to the supervision and direction of the Governor (“Executive agencies”), and persons who deal with or are under the jurisdiction of those units, shall systematically identify, assess, prepare for, prevent, protect from, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the risk and impacts of active-assailant incidents.
- B. Each Executive agency shall participate in a coordinated active-assailant initiative and share threat information between and among all sectors.
- C. Each Executive agency shall develop, review, or update internal plans, policies, and procedures related to active-assailant incidents.

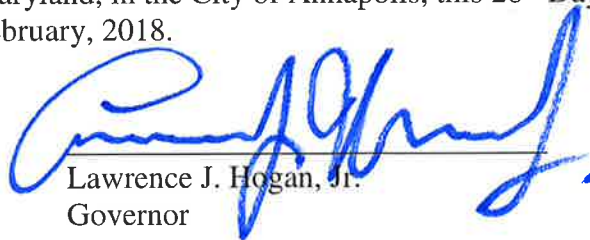
- D. Each Executive agency, and persons who deal with or are under the jurisdiction of each agency, shall develop, plan, and collaborate for active-assailant training relevant to each agency's respective area of responsibility, involving public and nongovernmental participants when appropriate and feasible.
- E. Using a "whole community" approach, Executive-agency public-safety officials shall conduct annual assessments to determine the need for mitigation, planning, and training appropriate for their agency's jurisdiction.
- F. Maryland's public educational institutions shall be encouraged to share and coordinate their emergency plans with Executive-agency law enforcement, emergency management officials, and emergency responders.
- G. Maryland's private and nonpublic educational institutions shall be encouraged to share and coordinate their emergency plans with Executive-agency law enforcement, emergency management officials, and emergency responders.
- H. The Maryland State Police shall seek to maintain its position as co-chair and member of the Maryland Active Assailant Interdisciplinary Work Group and use that role to promote the purposes and objectives of this Executive Order.
- I. The following Executive agencies shall seek to obtain or maintain membership in the Maryland Active Assailant Interdisciplinary Work Group and use that role to promote the purposes and objectives of this Executive Order:
  - 1. Governor's Office of Homeland Security;
  - 2. Maryland Department of Health;
  - 3. Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention of Maryland;
  - 4. Maryland Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission; and
  - 5. Maryland Emergency Management Agency.
- J. The Maryland Active Assailant Interdisciplinary Work Group shall be encouraged to:

1. Update the State's existing "Guidance to First Responders for the Active Assailant Incident" (the "Active-Assailant Guidance"), issued October 2, 2014, to incorporate protocols for prevention, protection, information-sharing, community preparedness, outreach, and education;
2. Continue to monitor best practices and revise the Active-Assailant Guidance as needed to ensure Maryland remains prepared and resilient;
3. Include in its membership subject matter experts from State and federal departments and agencies including, but not limited to:
  - i. Maryland Center for School Safety;
  - ii. Maryland State Department of Education;
  - iii. Maryland Higher Education Commission;
  - iv. U.S. Department of Homeland Security;
  - v. U.S. Secret Service; and
  - vi. U.S. Department of Defense; and
4. Meet at least quarterly to identify, update, and share best practices and current activities, and maintain the Active-Assailant Guidance.

K. The Maryland Emergency Management Agency shall provide leadership, policy oversight, support, and assistance to Executive agencies and other applicable persons in their efforts to comply with this Executive Order.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2018.



  
Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
John C. Wobensmith  
Secretary of State