



Active Shooter Attack Prevention and Preparedness



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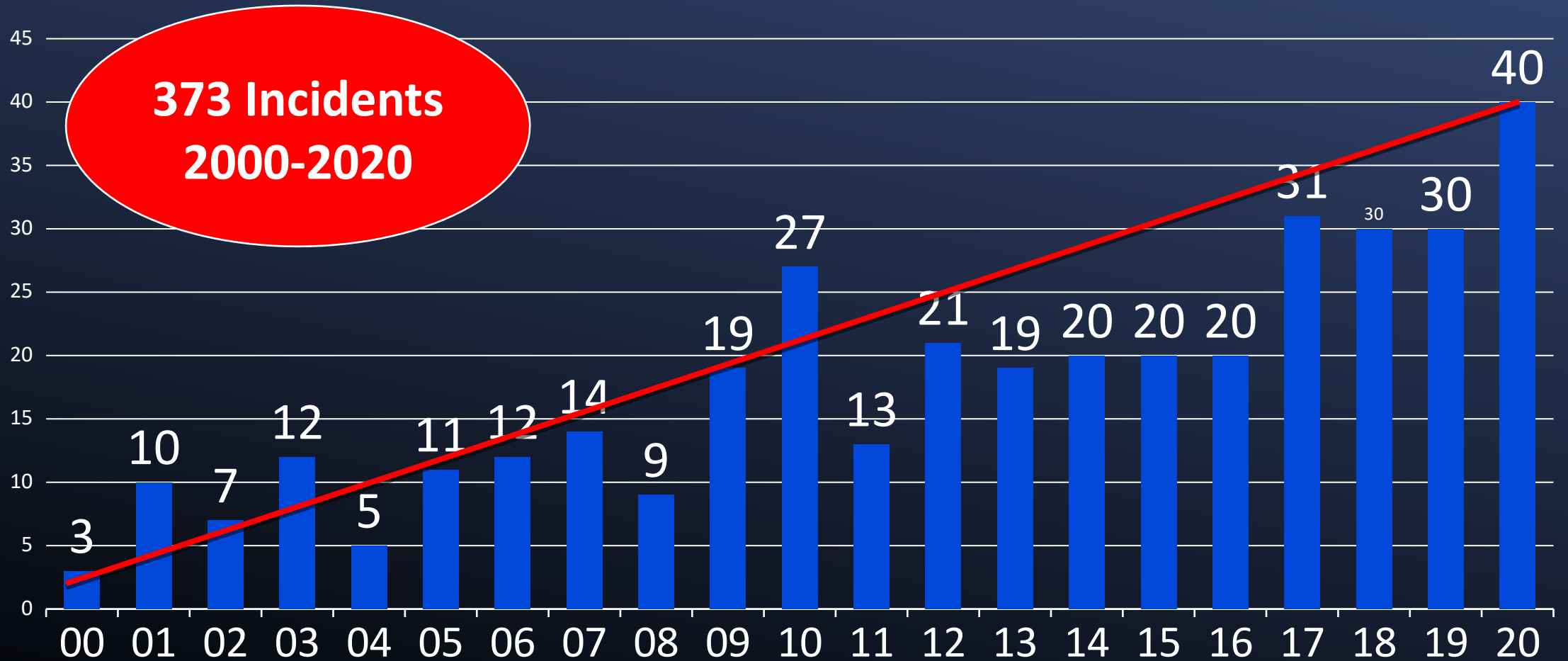
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Understanding the Threat



Active Shooter Incidents Per Year





Most Common Locations

Commercial Environments

Educational Environments

Houses of Worship



The Mind of an Active Shooter

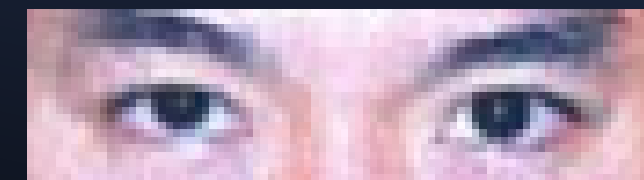
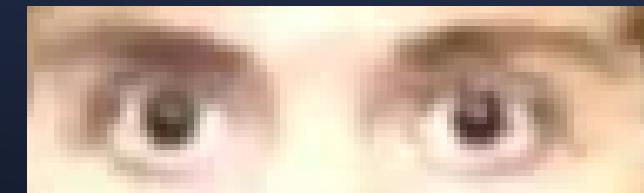
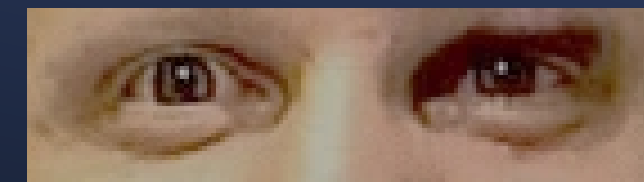
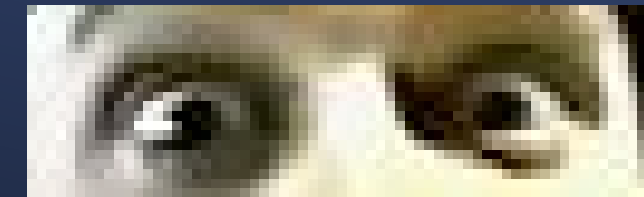
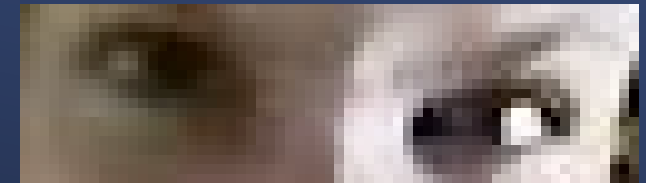
Capable of extreme, repeated violence at close-range

Lack Normal Human Compassion

Value Headcount, Not Hostages

Don't care who you are

Won't show mercy





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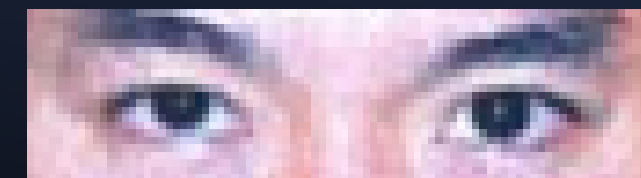
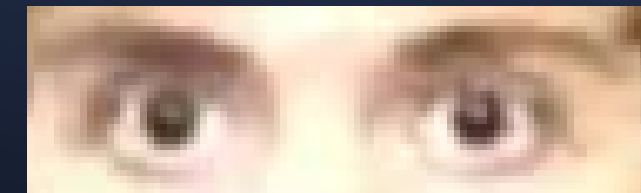
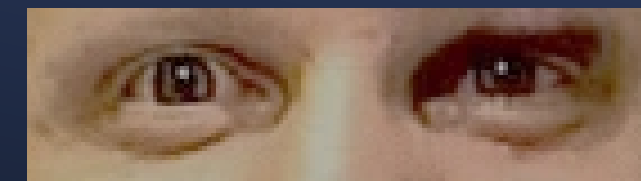
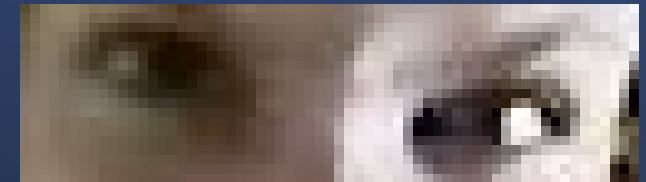
Intelligent

Highly Motivated

Well-armed, Well-prepared

The attacker has a plan of action...

Do you?





Understanding the Threat

Seek notoriety

Don't name them

Remember the heroes
instead



dontnamethem.org

April 16, 2007 Dr. Liviu Librescu, a Romanian-born Holocaust survivor and professor of engineering at Virginia Tech, continued to block the door to his classroom while being shot multiple times, enabling several of his students to escape out a window and survive. Read his story at: www.weremember.vt.edu/biographies/librescu



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Prevention



Prevention Myths

1. 100% prevention through prediction and intervention
2. Impenetrable Fortress
3. Nothing can be done



Effective Early Prevention

Foster an emotionally safe environment

Get to know those around you

Genuine interest

Genuine kindness

Respect



Effective Prevention Measures

*See Something, Say Something,
DO SOMETHING!*



**Threat
Assessment
Teams**



Effective Prevention Measures

Threat Assessment Tools



FBI Violence Reduction Unit



FBI Behavioral Analysis Unit



Prevention Alone Is Not Enough

Our best efforts to keep them out may not be enough

If the attacker gets inside, are you prepared?





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PLAN A
PLAN B

Preparation



Critical Three Minutes



Average police
response time

Those inside are on their
own until police arrive

Your actions mean the difference
between life and death



Natural Reaction

Effective Reaction Time

Freeze

Listen

Analyze

Denial (This can't be happening)

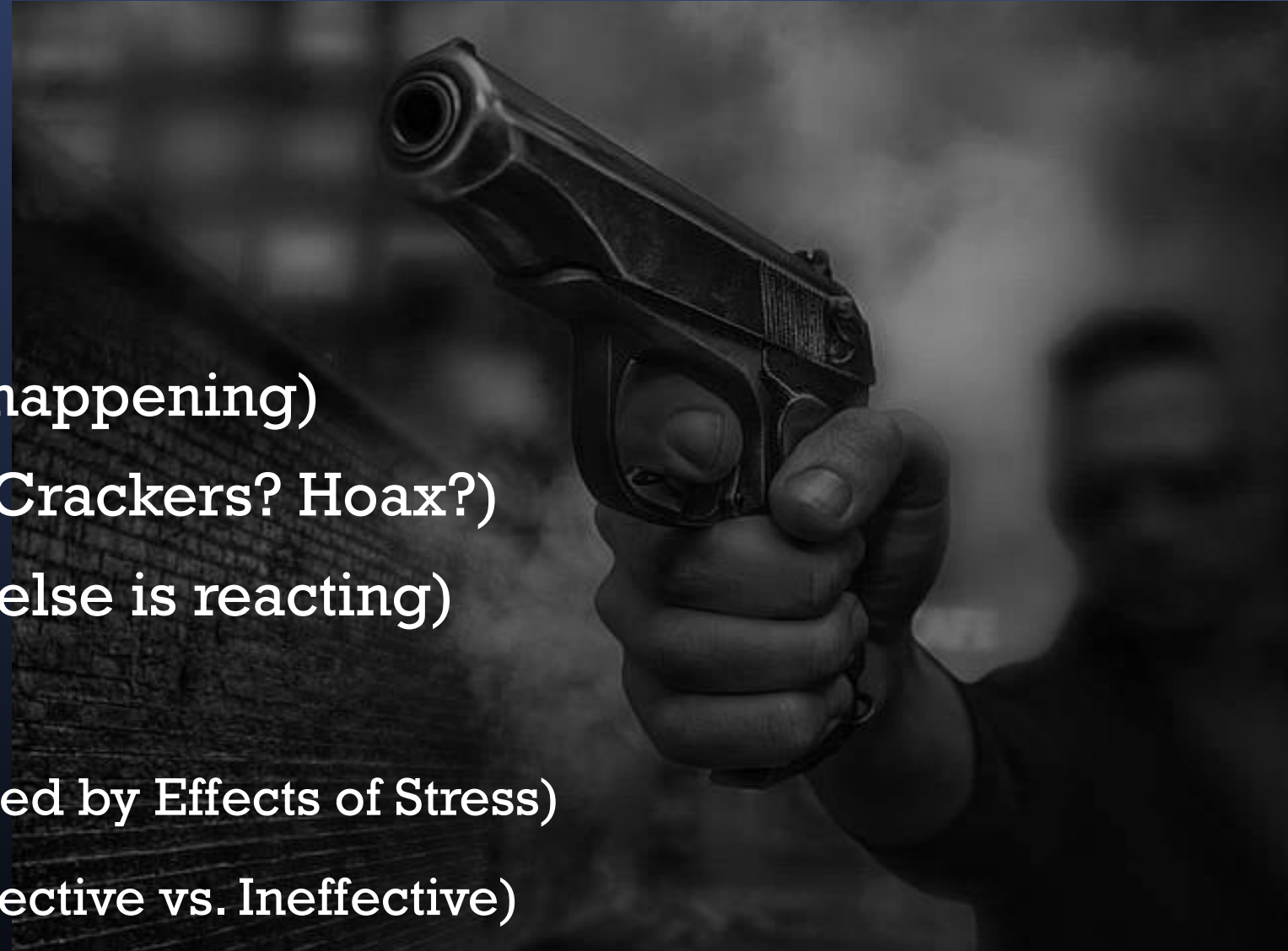
Normalcy Bias (Fire Crackers? Hoax?)

Social Proof (No one else is reacting)

Realization

Develop a Plan (Limited by Effects of Stress)

Execute the Plan (Effective vs. Ineffective)





Quick and Effective Reaction

Wherever you go, make a plan

If it happened here, I would ...

Include a backup plan

If I couldn't do plan A, then I would ...

Practice your plans



Know Your Options



RUN

Keep empty hands raised and clearly visible.

Follow all instructions from the police.

Don't stop until you are sure you have reached safe location.



Know Your Options

HIDE



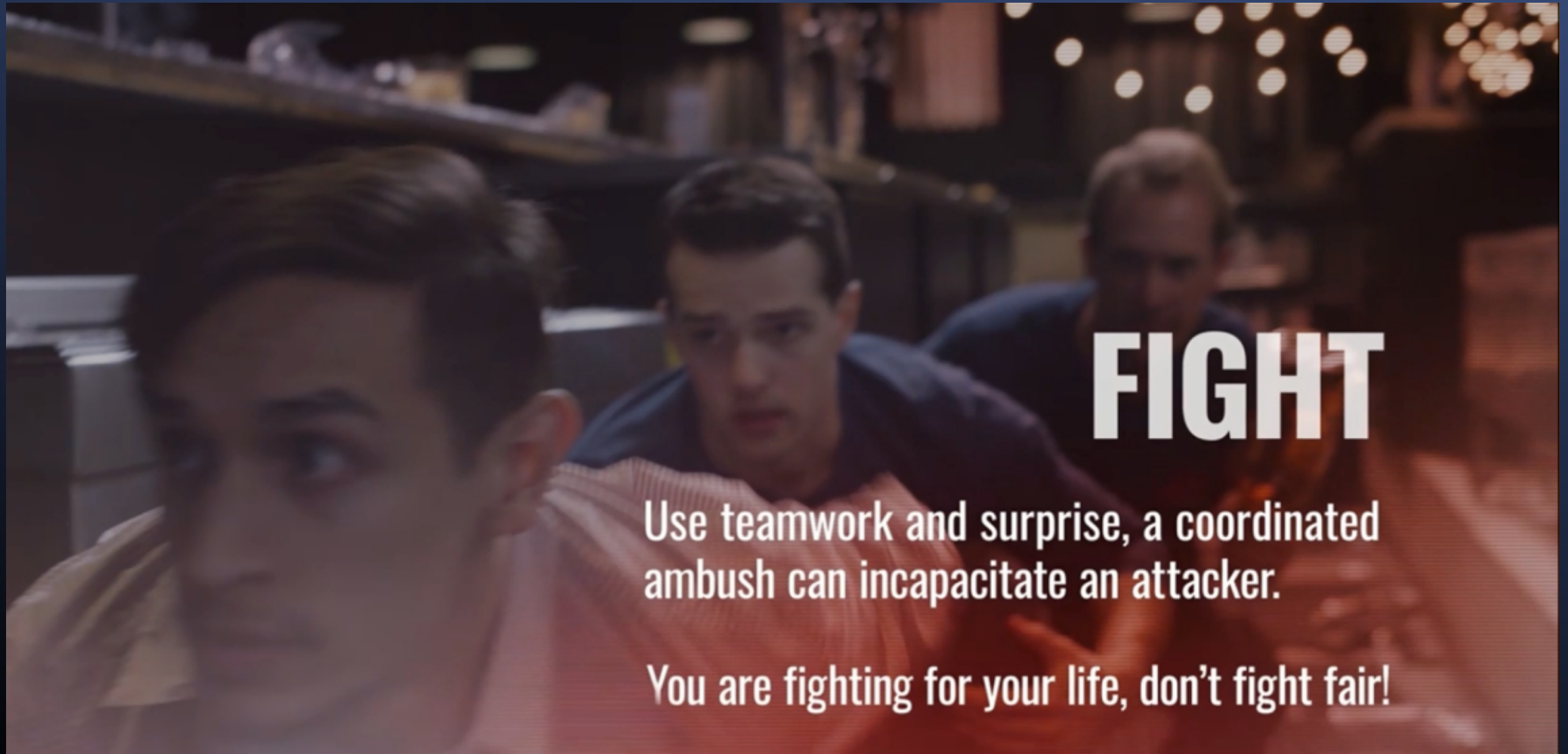


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FIGHT

Use teamwork and surprise, a coordinated ambush can incapacitate an attacker.

You are fighting for your life, don't fight fair!



Worst Case Scenario

Stationary Targets

Close Range

Helpless/Surrender

Mentality

No Plan

Each Shot = Fatality or
Serious Injury





RUN, HIDE, FIGHT Works For Everyone

RUN, HIDE, FIGHT = Understanding your options and creating a proactive plan to survive given your unique circumstances





RUN, HIDE, FIGHT Works For Everyone

RUN
HIDE
FIGHT

=

Informed
and
Empowered



Debunking The Firearms Myth



Dangerous YES

Invincible NO

Simple Machines, and Machines Breakdown



Basic Lifesaving First Aid

STOP THE BLEED

A victim can die
of uncontrolled
blood loss in
5 minutes or less.

Apply pressure or a
tourniquet to control
severe bleeding.

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If you are prepared, you don't need to live in fear



**Additional resources available at
[fbi.gov/survive](https://www.fbi.gov/survive)**

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