St. Petersburg teaches city employees how to respond when a shooter is in the building

On Friday, October 24, 10AM-12:00 the Police Dept will teach a class to city employees on what to do if someone enters the workplace, or public area, shooting a gun. It will be in the Police Training building, 2nd floor classroom D, across the street from Police Headquarters, 1300 1st Ave. North. (the instructor will be available to talk to the media before the class and during the break midway through the class)

This class is based on the principles of Avoid Deny Defend. This is our third presentation to city employees and will be an on-going process to train all city employees within the next six months. This comprehensive training program, designed by Texas State University-San Marcos, includes videos and an interactive session with the instructor. Attendees are prompted to identify what they might personally experience during a traumatic situation.

The presentation is expected to run 1-1/2 hours with real life examples, and tips on what action to take if they find themselves in a life threatening situation with a loose gunman.

The police dept. is gauging public interest, and will offer presentations for local churches, businesses, and other large groups by appointment. Call 893-7661

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