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Re: Active Shooter Training: Survival Tips & Tactics

LUBBOCK, Texas – The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce will partner with the Lubbock Police Department to bring Active Shooter Training: Survival Tips and Tactics to the Lubbock business community on Fri., June 15 at the MCM Eleganté from 8 – 11 a.m. The training is part of the Lubbock Chamber’s mission to strengthen the Lubbock business community by addressing critical topics in the workplace by educating employers and employees on various subjects offering tools and tactics to navigate and thrive in the ever-changing workforce.

The Citizen's Response to an Active Shooter (*CRAS*) training program created by Corporal Chris Paine, has received national and international recognition. The program is designed to equip the unarmed citizen with a plan of immediate action when facing a mass shooting event to increase the odds of citizen safety. Active Shooter Training: Survival Tips and Tactics will provide security camera footage and recreation of actual incidents to help attendees better understand the crime and what the shooter’s goals are in order to react appropriately.

“The goal of our training is to save as many lives as possible by empowering our citizens with a plan of immediate action in the face of great danger and fear,” said Cpl. Paine. “I hope that by the end of the training our community will have a restored confidence in their safety as citizens.”

Cpl. Paine is a 13-year veteran of the Lubbock Police Department, serving 10 of those years on the Lubbock Police SWAT team, and is currently a Hostage Rescue Team Leader. Cpl. Paine is assigned to the Lubbock Police Special Operations Unit and has received a Special Deputation by the United States Marshal Service in which he works full time as a Task Force Officer to the Northern District of Texas Fugitive Task Force. Cpl. Paine has trained over 45,000 citizens with this program and has received international media attention regarding what law enforcement officials in the United States are doing to keep their citizens safe among the ever-growing number of mass shooting incidents.

“It is sad to see our nation in such a fearful state,” said Chamber President and CEO Eddie McBride. “Parents drop their kids off at school wondering if they will see them again at the end of the day. Banks, stores, concerts, airports, and events leave citizens wondering if they will become the next victim of an attack. We hope that this emotional training will expose our business community to viable options for safety during an active attack, and equip the attendees with specifics in planning so that they might utilize the environment around them as a tool to their own survival.”

To attend Active Shooter Training: Survival Tips and Tactics contact the Lubbock Chamber at (806) 761-7000 or visit LubbockChamber.com to register.

The training is \$35 for Chamber members and \$50 for non-members. Breakfast and check-in will be from 8-8:30 a.m. This fee covers the Chamber's costs for hosting the event; the Lubbock Police Department does not charge for conducting the training.

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The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce represents more than 1,900 businesses and over 79,000 employees on the South Plains which accounts for over \$2 billion in annual household earnings in Lubbock and West Texas. Since 1913 the Chamber, as a catalyst for business growth; a convener of leaders and influencers; and a champion for a stronger community, has served as a unified voice of business by actively advocating for a pro-jobs, pro-growth, pro-business climate.