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To the Citizens of Minnehaha County,

Because of recent tragedies in the U.S. that involve what is often referred to as an 'active shooter', a number of concerned citizens have asked if there are any recommendations on what to do if suddenly faced with such a situation. These events have shown that such violent acts can happen almost any place where people gather (businesses, schools, public events, entertainment venues, etc). They often occur suddenly, and how someone reacts can mean the difference between life and death. While there is no hard and fast rule on how to react in such a situation, I wanted to provide you with several excellent resources that address the subject.

Obviously every situation is different, but taking time now to review these resources and think through how you would respond, especially in places you spend time at (your workplace, shopping locations, public events), can help better prepare you to protect yourself, your family, your co-workers or others should you ever be faced with an active shooter situation.

The first resource was developed through a partnership with the US Department of Homeland Security and the City of Houston Mayor's Office of Public Safety. It is a short six minute video that provides some valuable recommendations for citizens to consider.

Here is the link to that video:

[Run Hide Fight Video](#) - You Tube

The second resource is an independent study course sponsored by the US Department of Homeland Security (FEMA). It takes about an hour to complete, and provides some important information on the subject 'Active Shooter: What You Can Do'.

Here is the link to the independent study course:

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS907.asp>

I hope you find these resources valuable and that you encourage others to spend the time to learn about ways you can help improve public safety in our community. Thank you for your interest in this issue and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Sheriff Mike Milstead